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Plainwell mill damaged by strong winds

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The storm system that swept through the area during the evening on Sunday, March 30, brought with it heavy rain and damaging winds.

Among the casualties of those winds was Building 2 of the mill complex on M-89 in Plainwell.

According to City of Plainwell manager Justin Lakamper, approximately half of the building's roof was pulled off. That, in turn, caused the south-facing wall on the building's third floor to collapse.

"It's also clear that a number of supports for the third floor were also damaged," Lakamper said.

Lakamper said several passersby noticed the damage from the road and altered the Plainwell Department of Public Safety. Public safety officers, who informed Lakamper of the situation, worked to quickly secure the area.

City officials informed residents of the situation by way of a Facebook post on Sunday evening, warning individuals to stay clear of the building.

"We ask that the public stay clear of the building and under no circumstances attempt to get inside," Lakamper said, echoing the warning on social media. "The walls are no longer stable and pose a risk to anyone near them."

Building 2 of the Plainwell mill was damaged by the winds from the strong storm that ripped through the area on Sunday, March 30. (Photo provided)

Lakamper said city officials are working diligently to determine the next steps in finding a solution to the situation. Currently, there is no firm timeline for coming up with a final resolution.

"There will be multiple stakeholders and agencies involved in bringing this to a conclusion and that process will most likely take some time," Lakamper said.

Given the fact that the building has been designated as a historic building, one of the organizations that will be involved in the process of deciding the building's fate will be the State Historic Preservation Office.

"It's a historic building, so what can or cannot happen with it is in large part governed by the State Historic Preservation Office," Lakamper said. "That being the case, the City will be working closely with SHPO to determine what should be done with the building.

"The City will not simply be able to decide whether to remove or repair the building on its own."

Otsego Arts Competition seeks to draw artists from SW MI

By Elizabeth Abbott

The Otsego Arts Council is excited to host the fourth Otsego Arts Competition, formerly known as The Art Thing.

Beginning in 2021, this event has been an opportunity for local artists to display art and compete for cash prizes. The last competition was held in October 2023.

After a time of regrouping, the Arts Council is bringing it back in the spring to avoid conflict with other Otsego events. Artists in all kinds of media are invited to submit their art to the competition.

This year's competition will be at the Otsego District Public Library and run from May 3 to 10. Paintings, photography, sketches, sculptures and other 3-D art will be displayed at the library for that entire week for a period of public voting.

There will be both an adult division and a junior division.

Conrad Kaufman, a well-known artist and muralist from Kalamazoo, will choose first, second and third-place winners for a juried competition based on criteria such as technical merit, creativity, composition, and emotional impact.

Cash prizes will be awarded for each juried place. There will also be People's Choice awards, which will be voted on by the public. Prizes will be given to first and second place People's Choice winners in the junior division, and a $500 prize will be awarded for a People's Choice adult winner.

The mission of the Otsego Arts Council is to create, support and celebrate the arts in the greater Otsego community. The Otsego Arts Competition is one of two major annual events established to achieve this mission, along with the Artisan Market, which takes place in June.

Other events and activities sponsored by the Otsego Arts Council include a rock painting night as part of Otsego's Summer Fun Nights series, the Art Garden downtown Otsego and murals along the waterfront and the TOP pavilion.

The Otsego Arts Council is a subsidiary of Together Otsego Prospers, a 501c3 designed to continue the downtown development and betterment formerly spearheaded by the Main Street grant program.

The Otsego Arts Competition call for entries is live now. The entry form can be accessed through the Together Otsego Prospers website at: https://www.togetherotsegoprospers.org/otsego-arts or in person at the Otsego District Public Library.

To make this event possible, the Arts Council is looking for as many artists as possible. The reach of the competition goes far beyond Otsego.

Artists of all kinds are encouraged to participate. Art is worth celebrating and showcasing and this event strives to connect artists and art enthusiasts together for mutual encouragement. Any questions can be directed to Carmen Moore at otsegoartscompetition@gmail.com.

Special thanks to the Otsego Arts Council's 2025 sponsors: First National Bank of Michigan, Ready Network Services, Steensma Lawn & Power, Parker FSC, Native Connections, Lakeshore Golf Properties, Stacey Withee, Mezzo Coffee House, SKP Design, DeLavern Duo of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, Otsego Barber Shop (Aaron Warnez), TKH Group PC, and Bellflower LLC.

The Otsego Arts Council is currently accepting submission for its upcoming art competition. (Photo provided)

Two friends look at the pieces of art that were part of a previous art competition hosted by the Otsego Arts Council. (Photo provided)

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Expand the beauty of spring with Art in the Garden

By Gari Voss

The beauty of Spring lies in the colors, textures and shapes of nature. The natural changes occur when the cold, accented by the harsh dark hues and textures of winter, turn into the soft weave of new grass and leaves along with the vibrant colors of spring flowers. Those textures and colors will come to life during the Allegan Area Art Council's *Art in the Garden* on Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 10am-4pm at The Silo in Allegan.

The *Art in the Garden* planning team, led by Jude Hardin, expanded their look at art from visual artists and artisans to poetry, plants and other forms of arts. Along with 'Connecting Generations,' *Ekphrastic Art* will be featured. "Art" is often viewed from the visual aspect, but the beauty of a picture or object can also be depicted in words or actions to enhance the meaning.

Therefore, ekphrastic means, in simple terms, a description or interpretation of one work of art through another artistic medium.

The Team shared, "An ekphrastic poem uses words to create a vivid depiction of a piece of visual art. The description does not have to be literal, although often the writer begins with some element contained in the art, then moves beyond description to evoke something larger, such as a feeling, memory, or imagined encounter. Reverse ekphrasis happens when visual artwork is created in response to a written piece."

Think of "Vincent' which may be better known as "Starry, Starry Night." Don McLean was able to take an artist's interpretations of an oil-on-canvas painting by Vincent van Gogh and put it into poetic words and music. The performance piece was able to explore the themes of the artist's talents, struggles and mental illness while focusing on one of his most famous works.

"My goal this year was to expand Art in the Garden to be a celebration of art," explained Hardin. "We are encouraging all to come and experience art in many different forms; with the hope that they, too, will fall in love with the many joys with which art blesses us."

Art in the Garden 2025, hosted by the Allegan Area Arts Council on Sat. April 12, 2025, will include Ekphrastic Art that allows for the interpretation of visual art using poetry and visual art that interprets poetry. From 10am-4pm, The Silo on M-40 south of Allegan will be adorned with wonderful pieces by artists and artisans plus workshops and hands-on projects for all ages.

Art in the Garden 2025 will give visitors opportunities to continue to enjoy the wonderful works of artists and artisans from past years while layering on *Ekphrastic Art*.

Featured on Saturday will be poems written by members of the writing group North. The words are inspired by paintings created by members of the Allegan Area Art Council (AAAC) as were some of the paintings inspired by their poetry! North is a group of writers who live mostly north of Kalamazoo. North members sharing their poetry will be Robin Church, Melanie Dunbar, Elizabeth Kerlikowske, Kathleen McGookey, Jill Doster Marcusse, and Julie Stotz-Ghosh

The poems also inspired pieces created by The Bear & Fox Yarn Den, Saron Jager of Sharon's Quilts, and other members of the AAAC.

The schedule for the day celebrates artistic expression through music, readings and workshops:

10am-4pm: The Artists Market will be open to peruse and purchase from the artists and artisans.

10am-3:30pm: In the free Creative Corner for All Ages, there will be projects that different generations can do together throughout the day. From decorating a Very Hungry Caterpillar to planting a hanging spider plant, generations will work side by side to create a keepsake project.

11am-Noon: Fun with Fabric with Sharon Jager will use a variety of fabric to create a landscape 'painting' and the Treasures Box project will transform a simple shoe box using fabric are for all skill levels. (lower level for all ages & skill levels)

11am-Noon: Watercolor Floral Card Painting with Lori Hibma of Cattage Arts & Eats will guide participants through the techniques and steps to create a beautiful, handcrafted card. (lower level for all ages & skill levels)

12:30-2pm: Improv Theater with Spike Kunetz will encourage participants to be spontaneous and have fun while learning the basics of improvisational theater. (on the lower level for ages 15+)

2-3:30pm: Live Music with Kitten and the Tonics

The AAAC welcomes all to enjoy Art in the Garden! The Arts Council encourages all to join as members who receive information about arts news, events, trips, and classes. There are member-only events and member fee reductions when participating in AAAC art events. Members become part of our art family. The membership fee helps defray costs related to the promotion of the Arts in the Allegan area.

For more information on Art in the Garden and the Allegan Area Arts Council, check https://www.alleganarts.com/ and their FaceBook page.

Upcoming Events

Mon., April 14, 2025, AAAC member trip to the Art Institute of Chicago. Attendees will carpool to Michigan City and take the South /shoreline train into the city. For a special fee, members will view the work of Frida Kahlo.

May 4, 2025, 7pm: The Wildwoods Concert at the Griswold Auditorium. Doors open at 6pm, Downtown Allegan will serve refreshments. This is a reserved seats events and tickets can be purchased https://griswoldauditorium.ludus.com/. The net proceeds will assist with Summer Arts Camp Scholarships for high school students.

Allegan farmers join Lansing tractor protest

By John Raffel
Correspondent

ALLEGAN — Former Allegan County commission chairman James Storey reported a fleet of farm tractors, including two from Allegan County, encircled the Michigan State Capitol on March 18 to call attention to the heavy-handed practices of the state's Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, (EGLE).

"The tractor parade was organized to show support for the Michigan House of Representatives oversight committee investigating the conduct of EGLE administrators and field staff exercising control over farming operations. Allegan County's Ben Schaendorf sent two of his family farm's tractors to participate in the tractor parade because of his family his experience with over regulation by the EGLE. During the three-hour House Oversight committee hearing, family farmers cited instances of EGLE staffers conducting illegal searches of private property, citing a farmer in one case because a piece of straw was found in cattle feed.

"Emotional testimony was heard from the brother of a Saginaw County landowner who improved a shallow pond to a one-acre body using a licensed contractor. According to the testimony, three EGLE staffers invaded the property without notice to the brother-owner and, despite assurances from the invading staff that "it is no big deal," the brother soon found himself cited for violating the wetland laws. He has been ordered to fill in the pond which is now home to hundreds of fish, ducks, geese, turtles and snakes. All this when the brother has in his possession an official document from EGLE's predecessor agency, DEQ, stating that the property on which the pond was built is not a protected wetland."

Storey added: "State Rep. Luke Meerman, R-Coopersville, says the hearing showed the EGLE sometimes acts without benefit of law or regulation. He hopes the committee will use the information to reign in EGLE's overregulation of farming operations."

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Parking lot reconstruction begins in downtown

Construction of the Hubbard Street parking lot behind The Regent Theatre in Downtown Allegan began on Monday, March 31 and will last until or around Friday, June 27, 2025. Parking in this location will be prohibited during this time.

Below is a diagram of the how the new parking lot will look after construction completion.

In addition, the Water Street parking lot between Myers Auto Value and the Perrigo Outlet Store will be closed on Thursday, April 3 and Friday, April 4. The parking lot will reopen with temporary compact gravel in place until it is paved in June.

All businesses in these areas will remain open and accessible.

Spring brings a return of the Spongy Moth

By Gari Voss

Each spring, those who love their mighty oaks watch carefully for the dreaded Spongy (Gypsy) Moth egg masses and caterpillars. There may be some good news for these vigilant protectors of trees. It is the nucleopolyhedrovirus (NPV) that seems to be able to control the Spongy Moth population.

"Dr. Greg Dwyer, from Dwyer Lab of the University of Chicago, has done a bit of research on the virus that kills Spongy Moths," shared Ben Savoie, a District Forester in the Barry Conservation District. "From samples taken in 2023, it was found that 99.99% of caterpillars hatched from wild eggs in a lab were killed by NPV. With the huge decrease of egg masses, combined with the prevalence of this virus, we are predicting a population crash for this year."

Unbeknown to the pesky moths, Dr. Dwyer had purchased a cabin in Barry County and noticed the caterpillars eating his trees. In the summer of 2024, Dwyer and his team did a sampling and found that nearly 99% of the caterpillars sampled were infected with NPV. This gave hope that a dramatic reduction of the Spongy Moth was on the horizon.

Savoie reflected, "The Barry Conservation District recently did a survey for egg masses. I was able to go over the data that was collected and found some great news from the results. We are expecting a significant decrease in Spongy Moth populations this year. We found that there were 84% less viable egg masses than the previous year from our surveys, meaning that fewer caterpillars made it to adulthood to lay eggs."

The sampling for this study was done in Barry County, so the question came as to whether studies had been done in Allegan County.

"Unfortunately, we only had funding to do sampling in Barry County," admitted Savoie. "However, the forests of each of the counties are very similar, being oak-dominant and having one large State Game Area that represents a majority of public forest and the rest being privately owned. I would expect similar sites to experience a similar drop in populations, but we don't know for sure."

Spongy Moths are not native to North America but migrated from Eurasia. It was in the 1860s that French entomologist Etienne L. Trouvelot was experimenting with species for silk production when the moths were accidentally released to the wild. Thus began the moth's crusade that has caused damage to North American trees with little effect from pesticides.

Even with the hope that the Allegan trees will see the same reprieve from the Spongy Moth as the Barry County forests, vigilance is still the name of the game. Oak trees are the caterpillar's favorite host tree, but they will also dine on willow, apple, crabapple, white birch, witch hazel, mountain ash, basswood, linden, pine, Douglas-fir and spruce.

Those determined to protect their trees from this pest have taken time to learn the life cycle of the insect. The cycle begins with a single month laying a fuzzy, rust-colored egg mass that contains 600-1000 eggs. These are deposited on the underside of branches, decking, crooks of trees, awnings and gutters. The eggs survive the winter and hatch in late April to early May.

The larvae, or caterpillar, stage matches that of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. In 7 to 8 weeks, the caterpillars feed continuously and can decimate the foliage on a tree. The stage usually ends from late June to early July. This is where prudent arborists and tree lovers can make a difference.

The Allegan Conservation District has conducted workshops on getting rid of the Spongy Moth. In the spring, one of the most effective ways is to wrap a swath of burlap cloth around the trunks of trees. The caterpillars will come out to eat in the morning or at night then "hide" in the burlap. Each day, the caterpillars can be scraped from the burlap into soapy water, burned or crushed then placed in the garbage. The burlap can be replaced and prepared for the next harvest. In the fall or winter, scrape egg masses into soapy water and let them soak for at least 24 hours or burn them. Do not try to crush them or leave them on the ground where surviving eggs can winter over waiting for spring.

If the Spongy Moth caterpillar lives, it will form a pupa, or cocoon, where it will remain for one to two weeks. When it emerges as a moth, it will not feed. It's sole purpose is to reproduce. It will find a sheltered location to leave its eggs, and the annual life cycle will begin again.

Since the Spongy Moth has no real predator, the discovery of nucleopolyhedrovirus (NPV) is promising. The virus spreads quickly in areas where there is a large infestation of Spongy Moth.

The only caution may be that the virus needs to interact with the fungal pathogen Entomophaga maimaima. If there is a dry spring, the fungus, that is a natural enemy of the spongy moth, may not form a lethal enough combination with the virus to be effective.

With the current data from 31 sites across forests in Barry County during 2024, viable egg production will continue to decrease, and hopefully, this decrease will be as evident in Allegan County forests as it is in Barry County.

An effective method for trapping Spongy Moth caterpillars is to tie a swath of burlap around an oak, or other favorite tree, then check it each day to "harvest" the caterpillars that are caught in the burlap. The caterpillars can be soaked in water, burned or crushed then disposed of in the garbage. Photo: Barry Conservation District.

Community Events

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

Thurs., Apr. 3, 2025, 7-8pm: Allegan Jaycees General Membership Meeting
Sassy Olive 125 Locust St. Allegan
Sat., Apr. 5, 2025, 10:30am-3:30pm: @nd Annual Seed Fair
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Sat., Apr. 5, 2025, 4:15-6:30pm: Soup Supper & Short Movie
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut Allegan
Mon., Apr. 7-Fri., May 2, 2025: Allegan Spring Spruce Up
City residents
Tues., Apr. 8, 2025, 9am: Coffee for Veterans
Immanuel Lutheran Church 631 Grand St. Allegan

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., Apr. 2, 2025, 6pm: Pintesting
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Enjoy making a trending craft. Register at (269) 673-4625.

Wed., Apr. 2, 2025, 11am-6pm: Red Cross Blood Drive
Griswold Auditorium basement Hubbard St. Allegan
Sign up to donate at https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive or drop in.

Thurs., Apr. 3, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30 am: Preschool Storytime – 3-5 yr. olds & caregivers can hear stories and enjoy activities with Help Me Grow Allegan.
3:30pm: Tween & Teen Crafternoon: Raincloud Suncatcher – 5th 12th graders can drop in after school and express their creativity!

Thurs., Apr. 3, 2025, 6-8pm: Blades of the Civil War
Dorr Township Library 1804 Sunset Dr. Dorr
Learn from historian and scholar Jerry Berg about the surprising role of swords in the incident that nearly made the Civil War an international conflict.

Thurs., Apr. 3, 2025, 7-8pm: Allegan Jaycees General Membership Meeting
Sassy Olive 125 Locust St. Allegan
All under the age of 40 are invited to attend and learn about the work of the Jaycees.

Fri., Apr. 4, 2025, 6pm: Family Nerf Night
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Ages 3 and older can come and duke it out in the stacks!

Fri., Apr. 4, 2025, 4:30-8pm: Fish FRYday
LYNX Golf Course 900 Lincoln Rd. Otsego
Enjoy fried pollack, fries, coleslaw & bread.

Fri., Apr. 4, 2025, 4-9pm: Cocktail & Appetizer Trail
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Sat., Apr. 5, 2025, 10:30am-3:30pm: @nd Annual Seed Fair
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Celebrate the joy of growing food at home. Workshops for beginners to seasoned gardeners and free seeds.
Sat., Apr. 5, 2025, 4:15-6:30pm: Soup Supper & Short Movie
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut Allegan
Enjoy a light soup supper and special screening of *DIRT! The Movie*.

Sat., Apr. 5, 2025, 4-6pm: Moss & Mushroom Airplant Workshop
The Down Under at Tantrick Brewing Hubbard Allegan
Eccentric Garden will host a workshop to plant and learn about new plants. Sign up at https://eccentricgarden.com/pages/class-landing.

Mon., Apr. 7-Fri., May 2, 2025: Allegan Spring Spruce Up
City residents may place leaves and brush at the street's edge for pick up. After May 2, waste should be dropped at the Dept. of Public Works facility on Airway Dr. Go to https://www.cityofallegan.org/departments/residential_services.php for additional information.

Mon., Apr. 7, 2025, 4-8pm: Stitch Night at the Den
The Bear & Fox Yarn Den 141 Brady St. Allegan
All are welcome to drop in for a casual evening of fun stitching in The Den! Bring your crochet, knit, embroidery-whatever fiber art and enjoy some fellowship!

Mon., Apr. 7, 2025, 6pm: Teen Game Night
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
6th-12th graders can drop in and play digital and board games.

Tues., Apr. 8, 2025, 9am: Coffee for Veterans
Immanuel Lutheran Church 631 Grand St. Allegan
ALL veterans who have served or are currently serving in our military forces can gather, have fellowship with other vets, share conversation, and enjoy coffee and donuts/rolls. Please come and see what this is all about and share this with others you feel might like to come. If you have any questions, please call the church office at (269)673-3335.

Tues., Apr. 8, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime – 0-2 yr olds & caregivers can enjoy stories & fun.
2pm: ROZ Puppet Show: George & the Dragon. – What happens when George meets a dragon?
6:30pm: Book Club – Come and enjoy great conversation about *A Psalm for The Wild-Built*, by Becky Chambers.

Tues., Apr. 8, 2025, 5:30pm: Rank MI Vote: Allegan Town Hall
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Join your fellow citizens at a Town Hall for a presentation of the problems with our current voting system and Rank MI Vote's ambitious plan for the solution: Ranked Choice Voting.

Wed., Apr. 9, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra Instrument Zoo – Drop in and learn about string & percussion instruments that KSO use.
2pm: Recess for Adults. – Enjoy time with friends from Arc of Allegan County. Craft, play games and converse.
3:30pm: Unicorn Party! – Ages 0-7 can come and celebrate unicorns with fun stories, silly songs & crafts.

Thurs., Apr. 10, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30 am: Preschool Storytime – 3-5 yr. olds & caregivers can hear stories and enjoy activities with Help Me Grow Allegan.
6:00pm: VITA Volunteer Information Session – Learn how to provide local tax assistance.

Fri., Apr. 11, 2025, 11am: Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Some of the Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary reptiles are coming to the library.

Fri., Apr. 11, 2025, 4-9pm: Cocktail & Appetizer Trail
Wayland Downtown Wayland
downtownwayland.com

Fri., Apr. 11, 2025, 4:30-8pm: Fish FRYday
LYNX Golf Course 900 Lincoln Rd. Otsego
Enjoy fried pollack, fries, coleslaw & bread.

Sat., Apr. 12, 2025, 8am-3:30pm: Waste & Recycling
Allegan Public Works 691 Airway Dr. Allegan
Residents can prove residency then fill dumpsters with waste and recycling.

Sat., Apr. 12, 2025, 10am-4pm: Art in the Garden
The Silo 1071 32nd St. (M040) Allegan
A celebration of art, nature, and community featuring a juried artists' market, performing arts, poetry readings, dance recitals, music, and workshops for all ages. Check https://www.alleganarts.com/ for details.

Sat., Apr. 12 (8am-5pm) – Sun., Apr. 13, 2025 (8am-2pm): MI Alpaca Fest & MI-Mitten Meltdown
Allegan Co. Fairgrounds 150 Fair Dr. Allegan
Alpaca Show and Fiber Festival certified by AOA featuring 2 Halter shows, Walking Fleece, Small Breeder, Youth Obstacle and Showmanship, Get of Sire, Produce of Dam, Breeder's Best Three, Photo Contest, and Vendor Event.

Sun., Apr. 13, 2025, 2-4pm: Cabin Fever Reliever 2025 - Ellis & M.E.
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan
K'zoo Folklife/Allegan Chapter & the City of Allegan welcome all to enjoy Ellis & M.E. Beer, wine and other refreshments will be available. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Mon., Apr. 14-Fri., Apr. 18, 2025, 7am-2:30pm: Waste & Recycling
Allegan Public Works 691 Airway Dr. Allegan
Residents can prove residency then fill dumpsters with waste and recycling.

Mon., Apr. 14, 2025, Noon: Pinwheel Garden Planting
Safe Harbor CAC 404 Sherman St. Allegan
All are invited to plant a pinwheel for child abuse awareness, followed by a facility tour and light lunch. No RSVP, free and open to the public. www.safeharborcac.org.

Mon., Apr. 14, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
1pm: Craft & Snack – Bring your own craft and enjoy conversation & snacks.
6pm: Michigan History with Mark Lovett. The discussion will be The Plundering of the American Forest. All are welcome.

Mon., Apr. 14, 2025, 4-8pm: Stitch Night at the Den
The Bear & Fox Yarn Den 141 Brady St. Allegan
All are welcome to drop in for a casual evening of fun stitching in The Den! Bring your crochet, knit, embroidery-whatever fiber art and enjoy some fellowship!

Tues., Apr. 15, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime for 0-2 year olds.
3:30pm: Discover 4H with MSU Extension

Wed., Apr. 16, 2025, 6:30pm: Pub Quiz
Tantrick Brewing Co Hubbard St. Allegan
Registration begins at 5:30. Bring a library card for extra points then answer questions.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

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Allegan Homeless Solutions - Helping eliminate barriers to housing.
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The Arc of Allegan County - Advocates for people with disabilities
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Christian Neighbors - Food, Education, Emergency Financial Assistance
282 12th Street Plainwell MI 49080 (269) 685-4166
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Tuesday: In person shopping/walk ins - 10am-12pm
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United Church of Wayland - Free Clothing
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Wings of Hope Hospice & Palliative Care - End of Life Care
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122 Church St. Wayland 269 792-2870

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Congregational Church 325 Cutler Street Allegan
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Epiphany Lutheran Church
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United Church of Wayland
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3596 47th St. Hamilton, 269 751-2533

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United Methodist Church, 409 Trowbridge St., Allegan 269 673-4236
Tuesday: 9-11:45 a.m.; Wednesday: 9-11:45 a.m. and 7-9 p.m.; Friday: 10-11:45 a.m.
Food Pantry serves FOOD to residents of Allegan 49010 w/valid ID with current address ONLY.

Hopkins United Methodist Church
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ALLEGAN COUNTY DELEGATION OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

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Notice

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COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, STATE OF MICHIGAN TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF GUN PLAIN TOWNSHIP:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test has been scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 2:00 PM, at the Gun Plain Township Hall, 381 8th Street Plainwell, Michigan 49080. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and the tabulator that will be used to tabulate the results of the election have been prepared in accordance with the law.

Marty Meert Clerk

Bag some books for library programs

By Gari Voss

The Friends of the Allegan District Library announced that on Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19, 2025, during library hours everyone is welcome to fill a bag with books then make a free will donation to the Friends of the Library.

"We have these sales sporadically whenever we need space for new donations," explained Jen Letz, current president of Friends of the Allegan District Library. "We used to do the sale during Sidewalk Sales Days, but now we have a sale whenever we have a backlog of books."

These are books that have been donated to the Carnegie Library Bookstore or books that have been decommissioned by the library. "We have some really nice children's books, young adult books, plus a whole slew of adult fiction and nonfiction books. There may also be some nice DVDs and Books on CD. Our storage room is overflowing, and we just don't have room to put all of them out in the bookstore."

The event is simple. Come to the Riverfront Level of the library either by the riverfront door or Hubbard Street entrance. The books will be in the hallway of the lower level. Fill a bag with books. Then make a donation of any monetary amount.

"Instead of specifying the price of a bag of books, we just leave it up to the buyer to make a donation of their choice," stated Letz.

The money collected will be used to support the programs and materials at the Allegan District Library. Raising funds primarily through the operation of the Friends of the Library Carnegie Corner Bookstore assists the library in achieving their mission to improve the community by to enhancing access to resources, services, and programming.

"The Friends sponsored programs include the sponsorship of the summer reading program. When the city hosts Bridgefest, we arrange for the bounce toys. During the Christmas holiday, we support the Allegan Brass Collective Christmas Concert at the Griswold Auditorium."

To become involved with the Friends of the Allegan District Library, everyone is invited to attend the monthly meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1pm. The next meeting will be April 22, 2025, at 1pm. There will also be some experimenting with a 5:15pm meeting on June 17, 2025. This will allow people who work to participate in meetings and give support.

At this time, Jen Letz is president of the group, but she will hand over the reins at the end of June 2025 to Jennifer Gunter.

The Friends know that not everyone can commit the time to volunteer, so they invite people to support the Friends by shopping at the Friends of the Library Carnegie Corner Bookstore on the lower level of the library.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

To the Residents and Taxpayers of Leighton Township, Allegan County, Michigan and affected Taxing Units.

NOTICE OF HEARING
TO CONSIDER THE INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION REQUEST OF RHINO SEED & LANDSCAPE SUPPLY, LLC

Please take notice that the Township Board of Leighton Township has received a request for Rhino Seed & Landscape Supply, LLC for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate on the property located at 1113 Electric Avenue, Wayland, MI 49348, more fully described as Permanent Parcel Number 0313-216-027-00.

Take further notice that the Township Board will meet at the Township Hall, 4451 12th St., Wayland, Michigan on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for a public hearing on the proposed Tax Exemption Certificate.

Inquiries regarding the above matter may be made by calling the Township Clerk at 616-891-8238

PROTECT YOUR HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT: KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE

DID YOU KNOW.....

that items we use everyday could be hazardous? This is especially true if they are disposed of improperly. Dumping home toxics down drains, sinks and toilets or putting them in the trash could hurt your health and the environment around you.

DISPOSAL INFORMATION

LATEX PAINT—Normal trash pick-up (Open the can and dry it out with cat litter. Keep it separated from your other trash)

AMMUNITION—Check with your local County Sheriff's Department Property Room.

SMOKE DETECTORS—Return them to the manufacturer.

"DON'T DUMP IT IF YOU WOULDN'T DRINK IT!"

MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY.....

- Minimize the frequency and application of home chemicals.
- Use a broom, not a hose to clean spills.
- Maintain your cars by repairing leaks immediately and disposing fluids properly.
- Store home toxics properly by keeping in cool, dry areas and protect products from freezing.
- Dispose of home toxics properly. Contact the local health department for appropriate disposal information.

CALL YOUR COUNTY FOR INFORMATION ON DISPOSAL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

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Allegan Source Water Protectionhttps://www.cityofallegan.org/departments/drinking_water.php

NOTICE OF UPCOMING WATER SERVICE LINE INSPECTION

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is requiring water suppliers to investigate their water lines to determine the presence of lead service lines in the system. The City of Allegan has been awarded grant funds to investigate 815 customers' water service materials.

To do this, the city is working with Plummer's Environmental Services. Plummer's will be using a vacuum truck to excavate the soil on top of the curb stop. Any disturbance to grass, concrete, or asphalt will be restored. This will be done at no cost to the homeowner.

These inspections will occur from April 2025 to August 2025. As the inspection will occur outside the home at the right-of-way line, the homeowner does not need to be present at the time of inspection. Once the inspection at the curb stop has been completed, the results of the material investigation will be communicated to the homeowner.

Please visit the City of Allegan's website for further information, including a map of all the addresses that will be investigated as part of this project. If you have any questions, please contact the City of Allegan at (269) 673-5511.

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Nuclear energy is back

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

With all the talk about solar and windmill energy and how they will power our country in the future, we hear very little about nuclear plants that are being recommissioned.

Nuclear power is considered by many to be the most efficient, and cleanest form of energy. In the early 2000's however, after the catastrophic Three Mile Island incident, and Chernobyl earlier, and the Japanese nuclear power plant meltdown in 2011, nuclear was considered unsafe.

However, that mindset has changed among experts and recommissioning even Three Mile Island is expected to happen. Right here in our backyard the first recommissioned nuclear facility is preparing for an October re-opening.

Palisades in Covert (Van Buren County) now owned by Holtec Inc, has nearly 600 employees and another 400 contractors on-site preparing the nuclear power plant for action. Holtec purchased Palisades in 2022 and originally was set to dismantle the plant, but after receiving a $1.52 billion loan from the Biden administration, is now doing the opposite.

Holtec will also receive an additional $150 million from the State of Michigan. Governor Whitmer in package of bills signed by her in November 2023 created a goal for Michigan to reach 100% carbon neutrality standards by 2040, a plan that moved up the deadline from 2050. Kara Cook, Michigan's chief climate and energy strategist, said nuclear power is an important piece of the puzzle in reaching that goal.

"Nuclear is a really important component of us being able to meet that 100% clean energy standard by 2040," Cook said. "It's not going to be the only component, right? We need a diverse portfolio of clean energy resources in Michigan to make sure that we're balancing the clean energy goals along with reliability and affordability."

The plant will generate 800 megawatts of base-load power, all carbon free, enough to meet the electricity needs of roughly 800,000 homes, and create over 1,000 new jobs during refueling and maintenance. The plant's advanced age means it will require extensive upgrades to meet modern safety standards. Those upgrades are being instituted as we speak.

Midwestern power companies, Michigan-based Wolverine and Indiana-based Hoosier Energy, agreed to purchase all of the generated energy from Holtec. In September, Wolverine received a federal grant to receive 435 megawatts of energy from Palisades. I'm curious as to why Consumers Energy isn't involved.

I'm not sure this area has seen a bigger project in the last ten years. One-thousand new jobs is terrific for a stifled economy, and to imagine this plant can service almost a million homes is breathtaking.

Expect this to be a model for other long forgotten, decommissioned nuclear power plants. Nuclear is the best source of clean energy for the U.S. Sure wind turbines and acres of solar panels can provide energy as well, but not to the extent of nuclear power plants.

I sincerely hope Palisades meets its October start-up and is wildly successful. It will go along way towards helping the U.S. meet its increased energy needs. Just as important it will provide a thousand new jobs to our area economy.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

Life as Performance Art
G C Stoppel

President Trump has announced he plans to somehow annex or take over Canada and make it into our 51st state. I am not certain of the finer details of his aspiration for doing this, and question if he even has any real plans. All things considered, he has been so busy signing so many Executive Orders, it would surprise me if he has given this serious thought. Besides, we tried taking over Canada twice before and got our tail feather singed. Another time we got into a skirmish over one of the Padre Islands in the Pacific Northwest when an American and British subject squabbled over a pig. I am not joking, and you can look it up.

I have a penchant for counter-factuals, where things are reversed. For example, what would have been the outcome of the American Revolution if Lord Cornwallis won the Battle of Yorktown? What would have happened if Lee had been victorious at Gettysburg? You get the general idea. We ask those questions on almost any subject.

In this case, what if we reversed it, and instead of co-opting Canada, we asked if we could become part of their country. I know this would immediately have the Christian nationalists, the well-armed MAGA militias, and a few others up in arms. I also know the chances of this happening are just about absolute zero. But let's have some fun and give it a little thought to the benefits and liabilities.

For one thing, we get the Windsor Family, starting with Charles and Camilla at the head table as the king and queen. Remember, we already have Charles' #2 son living here, so that would save on moving expenses if he was named the governor. Even better, we get a two-for-one deal because Meghan and Harry seem to be joined at the hip.

We already have a good-sized hockey league, so that is something we have in common with the Great White North. We both have football teams, but Canada has some rules that are unfamiliar here; there is some work to be done on that. We both have hockey, so we're good to go. For those who like the game, the good news is that almost every night is "Hockey Night in Canada" on television. But wait, there's more.

Now the good news is that we could make a deal with our neighbors to the north about expanding their curling leagues. You know - that shuffleboard-like game on ice, only with granite rocks imported from Scotland, brooms, and crowds that will break out with the shout of "Sweep!" The game that can be played by old geezers and geezerettes, some of whom have had a few too many cans of Molson or Moosehead. It is a peaceful game, and I've never seen a brawl break out.

Slightly less peaceful, we would get more lacrosse than ever before. And we can watch lawn hockey. Now that looks like such a nice sport, but the players, especially on the women's teams, really go at each other with their sticks and sharp elbows.

If we are allowed to become the newest province of Canada we'll get some interesting additions to our menu. The first will be the national dish, poutine. It's a side of French fries and cheese curds covered in a brown gravy. The nice thing about poutine is that the fries can be stale or soggy, and they still taste the same. I wouldn't encourage you to eat it cold or even room temperature. Nor do you want to try poutine ala mode for dessert.

From Newfoundland, we would be able to eat our fill of cod's tongue and cod's cheek. It is exactly as bad as it looks and sounds. If you have trouble summoning up the courage to sample it, a shot or two of Newfie Screech will make you far less inhibited. Try the fish, and don't forget your veggies by tucking into a big bowl of dulce. It's seaweed but calling it dulce seems nicer - just as we no longer speak of Chilean Bone Fish but call it tilapia. After you finish your meal, another bump of screech might be a good idea.

From Alberta, we would get a new delicacy - smoked moose tongue. It tastes pretty good, sort of like tough beef, but fair warning because it can cause a little gastric interruption of the loud and odoriferous variety. Teenage boys love it, and not so much for the taste as the after-effects, especially around adults in a closed room. The less sophisticated fellows think it is a great way to get the attention of young women.

Instead of FBI agents in black suits, white shirts, and black ties, the Canadians up the style. They get to wear Smokey the Bear Hats, and red coats on important occasions, get to do a lot of horseback riding, and they love to sing. Maybe you've seen or heard the "Lumberjack Song." You'll never meet a nicer bunch of gendarmes that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

On the subject of lumberjacks, they have a lot of them in Canada, and even have their own theme song called The Log Driver's Waltz. It's a catchy tune, and you can watch it on social media to start learning the words. Once you get that song down pat, you can move right along to God Save the King, Oh Canada, and for extra credit, The Maple Leaf Forever.

Their politics are lively. Whereas we use the congressional system, they have a Parliament where elected members sit on long benches on opposite sides of a big room. There is considerable real estate between them, just in case things get a bit too heated. They debate back and forth, sometimes hurl some dandy insults, and at the end of the day go off to their dining room for a few bumps of Newfie Screech.

The nice thing is that they have a maximum of five years between elections, but it is variable. If they manage to elect a real dunce as their Prime Minister, they can show them the door through a vote of no confidence. Joe Clark, from Alberta rose all the way up from being the Minister for Fisheries to PM, but he only lasted about 9 months. Kim Campbell takes the record for the shortest tenure - from June until November in 1983 when she was given the Royal Order of the Boot out of office. The Honourable Members then made her their nation's first ambassador to Disneyland.

It gets even better. The Prime Minister gets to call for an election at any time during the five years in office. There is none of this perpetual campaigning business that goes on for years in this country. Six weeks after the announcement, the vote is held, and the winter becomes the PM the next morning. And they have a spending limit which would handle our campaign financing crisis, too.

Overall, there is one serious and troubling thing about petitioning to become part of Canada. The nation has this ethos of "Good." Canada the Good, they sometimes call it. They try to be a good neighbor to the rest of the world, good neighbors to each other, and good citizens who look after people, the environment, and business. If they are going to let us in we're going to have to promise to be on our best behavior, polite, use good manners, say please and thank you, and that sort of thing.

They have been so successful at it that most citizens realize guns aren't necessary to resolve things. It happens, but rarely, such as when my cousin Barbara Stoppel was shot in 1981, and there have been a few others since that time. Right now, when our President talks of taking over the Great White North, they aren't arming their militias; everyone is practicing a hockey maneuver used when checking an opponent against the boards - sharp elbows. If you hear the phrase "Elbows Up" look out.

I hope it warms up soon, because maybe our President and their Prime Minister can meet up somewhere on the border and have their aides open up a card table and chairs, open a nice cloth and we'll bring some hush puppies and grits and they can bring some poutine and Timmy's (Tim Horton donuts). Maybe we'll forget this idea of taking over another country and just agree the best thing for the world is for all of us to be good neighbors.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Truth Cannot Be Revealed – A story must be told

Dear Editor:

Media discussion, to the point of madness, continues to blather. Top officials texting each other openly, using the 'Signal' app!

The story begins:

Jeffery Goldberg stands quiet and proud as many others refer to the mistakes made in 'group texting' of sensitive military information. As intended, all overlook the primary mistake, made by the Buffoon-in-Chief; All are self-serving opportunists, willing to compromise everything for personal recognition, of course.

This STRATEGY was THE mistake. To offer an individual deserving of my retribution, a choice kernel of exclusive knowledge, irresistible to anyone's opportunist nature! Then, lest it be cast back upon me, a minion of mine is directed to include a journalist to be duped into national, nay global, embarrassment. Discreetly invite them into the discussion among the decision makers on this developing military operation. Who could possibly resist such an opportunity? My deniability is assured.

What, pray tell, could go wrong?

John 'Ric' Curtis
Fennville

School of Choice improves education

Dear Editor:

Attempting to understand the United States Constitution in today's word salad is turning out to be very challenging. Why? Because the words in the original document have had their word meanings modified to fit a method of redefining what was intended. The two words in question for me are "general welfare". General welfare in the Constitution: The phrase "general welfare" appears in the Preamble of the Constitution and in Article I, Section 8. Examples of general welfare programs:

Public health, safety, and morals

Social insurance programs like food stamps and family allowances

Laws that provide clean air and water

Laws that provide health care for all

Laws that provide equal educational opportunity

Laws that provide safe highways, bridges, and tunnels

To my surprise these two words have been under analysis for hundreds of years. In the Preamble, General Welfare refers to the health, safety, and prosperity of a society as a whole. It's also known as the public welfare, public good, or common good.

Are you surprised finding Public morals and equal educational opportunities are areas to be provided to society as a whole. And, these welfare programs are to be provided by the Government for the whole, everyone.

In my opinion, the area of Public morals is a complete failure; this failure is the result of special people with the proclivity for rampant drug usage, … and tax payer funding thousands of yearly Michigan's abortions, pornography, and sex trafficking operations. Some Michiganders view these behaviors as very good and a plus to attract people to move to Michigan? Special Michiganders vote for these moral failures too.

In my opinion, providing equal educational opportunities to the whole of society is absent. Notice, the phrase "society as a whole" has been redefined so only some receive equal educational opportunities. Students in K-12 grade level scores are sub-standard highlighting continued failures. Parents wanting the best education for their children are denied access to other educational options because better options are not affordably. As a result, parents wanting a better education are forced into the sub-standard status quo educational failures. Substandard education sucks. To be clear, scores of K-12 children continue the downward trend. Michigan leaders only have lip service; having no plan to fix educational failures. The motto, "spend more get less" is in vogue.

Most families do not want their K-12 children exposed, some say indoctrinated, taught anti United States cultures of hatred. However, many collages have and are currently celebrating the evil teachings and behaviors of Hammas, Hezbollah, Houthi, … and Iran. It appears colleges are producing K-12 teachers who have learned to hate the United States and law abiding citizens. However, many college and K-12 educators believe the United States is an evil country and are actively teaching in K-12 public schools. Deviant immoral studies abound. Greatly diminished educational opportunities remain today, no changes.

Of course, private schools, religious schools, … home schools, preschoolers families must self fund their children's education. They are forced to pay for public schools too. It seems, education for society as a whole means only some of society are supported; others receive no "general welfare", no Common Good.

How about a simple solution to a simple problem? Let parents send their children to schools of their choice. Let higher K-12 children scores be the measure of success. Done and Done.

Philip Zamlynski

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Letters to the editor

State of the Union

Dear Editor:

I was born in the 1950's and grew up in a Dutch Calvinist Republican home. My family went to church twice on Sundays. My grandfather was a minister. He led efforts to resettle Hungarian refugees in 1956 after Soviet tanks rolled into Budapest. He was friends with Rep. Gerald R. Ford, later President Ford. I was raised to oppose Communism and dictatorships.

In a recent moment of nostalgia, I visited the American Presidency Project on the web and read the Republican Party Platform of 1956. It is a forty (40) page document. In 1956, President Eisenhower was re-elected. He received 457 electoral votes and 57.4% of the popular vote. President Eisenhower received a bona fide mandate.

Of note, the 1956 Republican Party Platform stated that Republicans stood for the following: 1. In all those things which deal with people, be liberal, be human. Pg 2. 2. Basic to governmental integrity are unimpeachable ethical standards and irreproachable personal conduct by all people in government. We shall continue our insistence on honesty as an indispensable requirement of all public service, Pg 2. 3. We are proud of and shall continue our far..reaching and sound advances in matters of basic human needs - expansion of social security... better health protection of all our people. Pg 2. 4. To promote peace and freedom throughout the world, ... assist friendly countries. Pg 3. 5. We shall continue vigorously to support the United Nations. Pg 4. 6. Governmentmust _have a heart as well as a head. Pg 6. 7. We stand for forward looking programs. Pg 8 . .• 8. Vigorous enforcement of antitrust laws. Pg 9. 9. Assure equal pay for equal work regardless of sex. Pg 11. 10. Republican action created the Department of Health, Education and Welfare~ Pg 12. 11. We shall continue to seek extension and perfection of a sound social security system. Pg 14. 12. Continue and expand the Republican sponsored school milk program, to encourage further use of the school lunch program, ... Pg 17. 13. We condemn improper use of money in political activities. Pg 19. 14. Bring our immigration policies in line with the dynamic needs of the country. Pg 23. 15. Today (1956) -The Communist aggressors have been denied their goals. Pg 24. 16. NATO will provide a means for coordinating the policies of member states on vital matters, such as ... general policies in relation to the Soviet Union. Pg 26. 17. Relations with Soviet Russia -In Geneva, President Eisenhower made clear our determination not to purchase peace at the price of freedom. Pg . 27. 18. We support a policy of impartial friendship for the peoples of the Arab states and Israel to promote a peaceful settlement of the causes of tension in the Middle East. Pg 28. 19. Barriers which impede international trade and the flow of capital should be reduced. Pg 29.

There was no mention of or promise to "Own The Libs" at the cost of party integrity or character.

I watched President Trump's State of the Union speech on March 4th. It left me feeling sad. I grew up hearing ministers quote Jesus Christ and teaching that our nation would be judged as set forth in Matthew 25: 31-46. I remember my parents punishing me for telling lies. Lying was a bad thing. It hurt thinking that what I was hearing had to be fact checked. President Ronald Reagan said that we had to "Trust But Verify" what we heard from the Russians. I now feel that I have to verify everything I hear from Washington DC. I did fact check after the President's speech to verify if what was said was truthful. You should do so too every day.

Of note for me was the commentary on Social Security. I realize that we live in a post literate society. If you are reading so far, thank you. The venomous snake of misinformation slithered out too often on Tuesday night.

President Trump said: 1. "Believe it or not, government databases list 4.7 million Social Security numbers from people aged 100 to 109 years ·old." 2. "It lists 3.6 million people from ages 110 to 119. 3.47 mil. lion people from ages 120 to 129. 3.9 million people from 130 to 139. 3.5 million people from age 140 to 149, and money is being paid . to many of them." (Emphasis added.) (Actually, the SSA I found shows 89,000 people age 99 or over were receiving Social Security benefits in 2024 which is not even close to the millions and millions Trump invoked.) 3. "1.3 million people from age 150 to 159 and over 130,000 people, according to Social Security databases, are age over 160 years old." 4. "1,039 people between the ages of 220 and 229, one person between. the ages of 240 and 249, and one person is listed at 360 years of age."

The above words of President Trump are shocking. He said that "... money is being paid to many of them."

In the spirit of President Reagan, I would love to trust but need to verify.

You should know that dead people lack any Constitutional rights. None. The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) end privacy at death. Please help me find out the actual names and addresses of the purported dead people receiving Social Security retirement benefits.

I have in the past written to my Congressman. He does not respond to me. I would like to first find out the names and addresses of those dead recipients over the age of 220 years. This is a manageable 1,041 people.

Please help me by writing to Rep. William "Bill" P. Huizenga at either a) 170 College Avenue, Suite. 160, Holland, MI 49423, or b) 2232 Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC 20515. Ask him to provide the names and addresses of folks over age 220 years receiving Social Security benefits. In addition, please ask him to confirm IN WRITING that he is not going to vote in any way to cut Social Security retirement benefits nor cut Medicare nor gut Medicaid.

In 2016, Rep. Huizenga chose to follow President Trump. During the campaign, Rep. Huizenga introduced himself at rallies as "a Christian, a conservative and a Republican, in that order." Christian first. After the election, he was seen joyfully going to the White House and Mar-a-Lago. I have found no instances where he voiced disapproval over anything President Trump has said or done. Rep. Huizenga, to my knowledge, has never voted in opposition to anything President Trump has wanted.

On Friday, March 7, 2025, Rep. Huizenga chose to cancel his in-person Town Hall, opting instead to go virtual. He excused his cancellation saying voters in person were "funded and organized by outside partisans." To my knowledge these folks were not from outside his district. To this excuse, I submit that Sen. John McCain never hid from his constituents or "outside partisans." I submit, Rep Huizenga might want to Man Up. Rep. Huizenga, further said by way of excuse, that he is elected to "use my experience, my judgment, and then to make tough decisions." It's somewhat obvious that constituents do not trust his judgment and he needs to find the courage to speak truth to power. I miss Representative Fred Upton. He knew what it meant to take an oath and have honor.

I sincerely appreciate your bearing with me and helping me to learn the truth. I cannot bear hearing anymore guys repeating false narratives over beers in a local bar or over coffee at the local restaurant.

P.S. President Trump also said that $8 million was spent federally for making mice "transgender". I looked this up too. Not true. There were "transgenic" studies in mice for investigating many problems in virology and immunology. Transgenic, not transgender. Someone thinks we are stupid.

PSS For decades, Congress has tried to do away with the Social Security tax cap. $176,100 is the maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security tax in 2025. Elon Musk reached that cap of $176,100 within the first few minutes of 2025. The cap needs to be removed which will increase funding. Rep. Huizenga needs to be our champion, not just a seat warmer for President Trump and Elon Musk.

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LIVING WITH GRIEF

BY RONNIE EWING/ AFTERCARE SPECIALIST

LIVING WITH GRIEF, is a monthly column provided by Gorden Funeral Residence. Each month LIVING WITH GRIEF will feature some helpful advice, as you the reader move forward in your own personal grieving process, or simply want to be educated to help those whom you may know have recently experienced a loss, or traumatic event.

I've heard it said, "Sensible people don't say anything when they should say something." Humanity is funny that way. How often are we in a place of hearing a cry for help but more open to give a deaf ear to justify the saying, "Well, that's the first I am hearing this." People are funny that way.

Victim mentality is really a cowardly response to not stepping up. Always looking for someone else to blame. That might sound a bit harsh, but, you can do either one of two things. In some cases I have personally learned you can run around the same tree and still desire a different result. Or, step up, remove the tree and burn the timber. What I am trying to say is this. When you notice negative behavior in others but do nothing, your just as guilty in aiding with the trauma that is so consuming one's liberation. Often those who notice wrong behavior, or emotional injustice are the one's to truly make the difference, LIVING WITH GRIEF.

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Obituaries

John S. Metz, 71

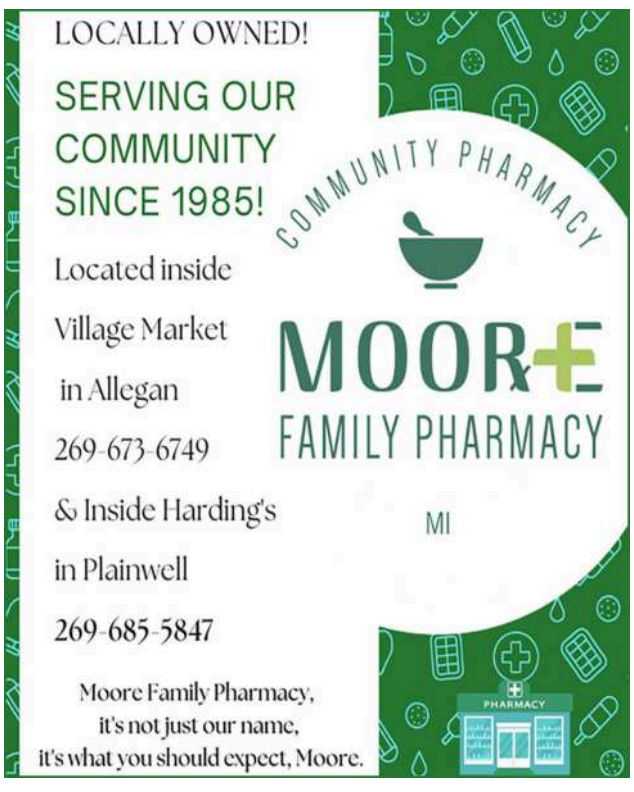
It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John S. Metz at the age of 71 on Thursday, March 13. His passing was quiet, just like how John lived his life.

He was loved by his wife, Mary, for one month shy of 41 years. He was a beloved father, father-in-law, and grandfather. His passing leaves behind his devastated sons Michael (Caitlin) and Steven (Melissa) as well as his grandsons John, Logan, Bryson, and Jack. He is also survived by his brother Don (Jackie) Metz, sisters Rosanne (Ken) Ferguson and Joyce (Scott) Miser, his sisters-in-law Carole Steigenga, Nancy (Gary) Shuert, and Pat Rhodes, and numerous nephews and nieces.

John S. Metz

Originally from Fennville, MI, John lived most of his adult life in Phoenix, AZ. John was the proud owner of Metz & Associates for 18 years and loved his life both before and after retirement. He enjoyed reading and taking cruises with his wife. He also adored the outdoors, golfing for many years with friends and hiking both local mountains and the Grand Canyon. He recently began fishing again, though he was convinced that Arizona had no fish to be caught. He loved trips up north, both with his wife and when the family could all come together. The thing that brought John the most joy was spending time with his family.

A private celebration of John's life will be held as per his wishes.



Otsego Library plans Lego fun during spring break

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Everything is Awesome at the Otsego District Library.

That's because the library will be hosting several LEGO-themed activities during the week of spring break catering to children of all ages.

(In case you've forgotten or have never seen the movie, "Everything is AWESOME!!!" is the theme song from the "The LEGO Movie.")

ODL assistant director Diane DeVries is excited about the LEGO theme.

"The library staff who plan the programs try to think of fun events that kids will enjoy," she said. "Sometimes we use themes to help with planning because once you've got your theme, it helps to narrow your focus to plan the rest.

"At the library, we often encompass the theme with decorations and books displays. Programs help to get kids excited and then hopefully that will also get them excited about the books."

According to DeVries, the spring break activities typically draw anywhere from 200 to 400 participants throughout the week.

Like always, this year's activities are free.

"During spring break, families are looking for fun and free activities to fill the week," DeVries said. "It provides great entertainment for those who do not travel during that time."

The week of LEGO fun begins on Monday, April 7, with The Awesome LEGO Challenge for children in grades 3 through 12. That program will begin at 2 p.m.

Here's a look at the other programs for the week, including date/times, ages they're designed for and a brief description:

* LEGO Construct and Create (Tuesday, April 8 at 10 a.m. for four years through fifth grade): Construct with LEGOs and use LEGOs to create some fun art projects.

* Morse Code Bracelets (Tuesday, April 8 at 2 p.m. for grades 6 through 12): Make fun and fashionable bracelets that have a deep meaning.

* LEGO Bingo (Wednesday, April 9 at 10 a.m. for four years through fifth grade): Play a fun game of LEGO Bingo and win awesome prizes!

* Acrylic Bookmarks (Wednesday, April 9 at 2 p.m. for grades 6 through 12): Create beautiful custom designed bookmarks.

* The LEGO Movie (Thursday, April 10 at 10 a.m. for the whole family): Watch "The LEGO Movie" while munching on popcorn.

"It's fun to see the families come into the library during this week to enjoy the programs," DeVries said. "Hopefully they'll pick up some books to enjoy the rest of the week."

Ransom Library hosts Princess (and Friends) concert

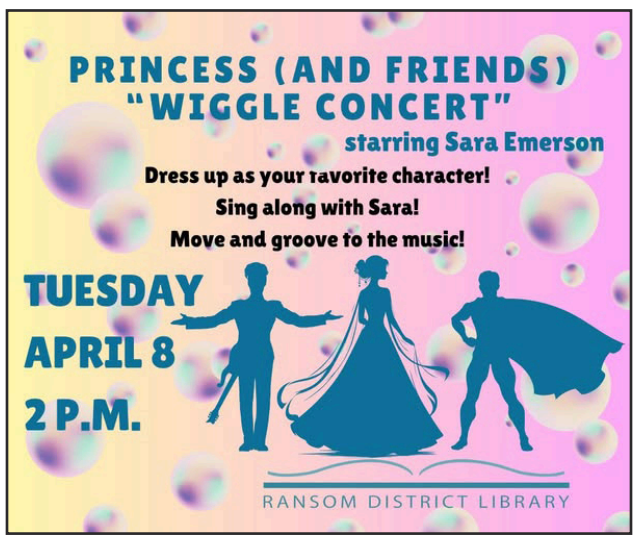
By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Calling all princesses, princes and characters of all shapes and sizes.

On Tuesday, April 8, the Ransom District Library will host a "Princess (and Friends) Wiggle Concert" with Sara Emerson.

The concert, which starts at 2 p.m. and will last approximately 45 minutes, is the first of several activities Ransom has planned for children and teens during the week of spring break.

"Even though school is on break, many families do not travel," said Ransom assistant director Erin Marsh. "I think that makes it an ideal time to offer some fun to the community.



"I try to provide a performance or big event each, and then I fill in the calendar with activities that will appeal to teens, elementary school-age children and preschoolers."

The concert with Emerson will include songs from "your all-time favorite animated movies." Attendees are encouraged to sing along.

"Come dressed up as your favorite character and get ready to move and groove to a magical music experience," Marsh said. "Babies and children can experience great music, and parents can relax and not feel pressured to keep their kids still and quiet."

After meeting Emerson and hearing how enjoyable her concerts were, Marsh knew she had to bring Emerson to Ransom.

Other activities being offered at Ransom during spring break include:

* Story Time (Wednesday, April 9, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.): Youngsters can listen to great tales, sing songs, dance with shakers and complete a themed craft in this fun-filled hour.

* Teen Manga Club (Wednesday, April 9, from 6:30 to7:30 p.m.): Those interested in manga, anime, or Japanese culture join Youth Assistant Devin for an hour of Japanese themed games and snacks. Registration is required for this event.

* Yoga Adventures for Kids (Thursday, April 10, from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.): This is the library's monthly preschool yoga class, but children home from school for spring break are welcome to join in.

* Teen Game Night (Friday, April 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. for ages six and older): Get loud in the library after hours! A variety of games such as tag, hide and seek and the always-popular "Murder in the Library" will be played. Pizza and pop will be provided. Registration is required for this event.

"The programs we offer are quite popular," Marsh said. "We usually have good attendance at all of our spring break offerings and we're looking forward to that again this year."

To register for the Manga Club on April 9 and Teen Game Night on April 11, contact the library at (269) 685-8024 or check out the event calendar at www.ransomlibrary.org to sign up.

Christian Neighbors offers youth cooking classes

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

It's never too early to learn about healthy food options.

That's why Christian Neighbors is offering a pair of youth cooking classes. The first is geared toward children ages kindergarten through fifth grade and will take place on Saturday, April 11, at 10:30 a.m, while the second is for children ages three through five on Friday, April 18, at 10 a.m.

Both classes are scheduled to last between 30 and 45 minutes and will include story time. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and have a signed permission slip to participate.

At the K-5 class, the little chefs will learn how to make pancakes healthier. At the preschool class, participants will make special sandwiches and explore balancing nutrition with the MyPlate method.

The classes are free but require registration. The deadline for the K-5 class is Friday, April 4, while the registration is due by Friday, April 11 for the preschool class.

Sharon Carper is Christian Neighbors' kitchen & program director.

"Offering youth-centered cooking classes is a natural extension of why the Education Resource Center and the demonstration kitchen were built by Christian Neighbors—to provide a place where our clients and our community can come together to learn and grow so they live their best lives," Carper said.

Christian Neighbors began offering hand-on demonstration cooking classes for adults in late 2023. Since then, Carper and others have worked "to develop programs that teach people how to cook simple, healthy, tasty meals on a budget using what resources they have."

The first youth-centered cooking class at Christian Neighbors took place last month.

"It's never too early to teach people how to nourish their physical body in a healthy and cost-effective way," Carper said. "Eating healthy doesn't have to be expensive or complex. We want to teach kids that eating food and preparing it and sharing meals with special people is fun and essential to our physical and emotional health.

"Young kids may not be ready to use a stove or oven, handle sharp knives or follow complicated recipes, but they can practice reading recipes and using math skills to measure ingredient portions and practice motor skills as they mix the recipe. Learning comes in all forms."

Following the first preschool cooking class last month, Carper asked adults who attended to complete an evaluation form with respondents asked for their favorite part of the class. Comments included:

* Getting to spend time with my little while he got to learn and play.

* Organized well. Geared for kids. Loved the sensory bins at the beginning class. Picture recipe for the kids to follow.

* Hands-on for kids.

* Letting the kids have hands-on experience cooking with something to bring home and share. We really enjoyed it. Thanks!

* Helping my child mix the food.

* The kids had a chance to make a healthy snack.

* The set up and clean up being done for us.

* Seeing the kids do things themselves.

Carper and other Christian Neighbors staff members are currently developing plans for a cooking class geared toward teens.

"The goal is to have 10 teens in each class explore a basic cooking technique as they prep ingredients to finish cooking a meal at home for their family," Carper said. "We're planning to have five adult mentors in each class so they can provide individualized support to the teens and build relationships."

In addition to the cooking classes for various ages, the Education Resource Center at Christian Neighbors offers several of the programs to the community. Like the cooking classes, they are free to attend.

Some of the nine Little Chefs and their adult partners mix ingredients to make chocolate cherry energy bites March 14 during the first Preschool Food Stories class at the Christian Neighbors Education Resource Center in Plainwell. (Photo provided)

Those classes include:

* Talk About—An ongoing conversational series that focuses on different topics.

"Our next one will feature an Allegan County Sheriff's deputy talking about 'Financial Identity Theft: The Next Steps' and offering tips about what to do if someone steals your financial identity," Carper said.

The program is at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16, with light refreshments followed by the presentation and time for questions and discussions.

* Organization & Budgeting: An Introductory Course—Participants will get tips and help organizing financial information and setting a budget/spending plan then set goals and establish a plan to reach them.

The program is scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 22. Participants will get a free kit of tools, including a yearly budget planer, folder files, storage containers and more.

* Mobile Secretary of State—Once a quarter, the Secretary of State sets up in the ERC basement and takes appointments for the day. Any business that gets done at a permanent office can be done during the mobile visit.

Watch for details on the website (christianneighbors.org) and Facebook page about how to schedule an appointment.

The next scheduled visit is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, May 12.

River Lazoski proudly shows the chocolate cherry energy bits she and her mom, DeLanie. (Photo provided)

Grace Hattendorf and her son, Isaiah, mix ingredients to make chocolate cherry energy bits. (Photo provided)

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Girls Track Preview:

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

ALLEGAN

Coach: Mike Chalupa

Top returning athletes: Maddie Antkoviak (throws, high jump, relays); Neveah Biller (throws, sprints); Bailee Dilley (pole vault, relays); Dawn DeGood (throws); Jayden VandenAkker (hurdles, relays).

Season outlook: Jayden VandenAkker followed up a fabulous freshman season with a sensation sophomore campaign, earning All-State in both the 100-meter hurdles (fourth) and the 300 hurdles (sixth).

Now a junior, VandenAkker hopes to continue to add to her list of accomplishments.

"Jayden has proven herself as a dominant force in both hurdles," Allegan coach Mike Chalupa said.

In addition to VandenAkker's exploits in the hurdles, an area of strength for Allegan should be pole vault and the throws. Bailee Dilley leads the way in pole vault, while Maddie Antkoviak and Dawn DeGood are poised for a big season in the throws.

"Bailee has improved leaps and bounds in the pole vault and is excited to make a push for the state meet this year," Chalupa said. "Maddie and Dawn have gotten stronger each season in the throws, and after great finishes to the season last year, are looking to push up in their finishing places at both the conference and regional meets."

For all of the athletes on his team, Chalupa said the focus will be on making consistent progress on a day-to-day basis.

"As a team, we know it is tough to go out and win meets with so few athletes, but we talk about the importance of being competitive where we can and maximizing our points as a team," Chalupa said. "They have shown that they are a determined and hard-working group in the early season, and we will look to build on that attitude this year.

"They are a great group and I know that the work ethic they possess will help them reach their goals and result in accomplishments to celebrate."

FENNVILLE

Coach Josh Sliter

Top returning athletes: Lila Rosema, sr. (jumps, mid-distance); Ava Ellis, sr. (jumps, mid-distance); Sara Skinner, sr. (pole vault, mid-distance); Josylin Zamora, sr. (jumps, sprints, mid-distance); Samantha Giles, jr. (distance, mid-distance); Isabelle Sliter, soph. (distance, mid-distance); Sanija Ballman, soph. (sprints, hurdles).

Season Outlook: As he enters his first season as head coach in Fennville, Josh Sliter is hoping to start a new chapter for the Blackhawk track and field program.

"With the new program direction, we are looking forward to building toward the future of our program," said Sliter, who previously coached track and cross country for Fennville Middle School and was a high school assistant coach last season. "This season will be a year of growth and challenge as we lost a lot of senior leadership at the end of last season, and with no incoming freshman it will be a total team effort each meet."

Sliter expects the distance/mid-distance events and jumps to be Fennville's primary areas of strength this season.

Sophomore Isabelle Sliter leads the way for the distance crew, while seniors Lila Rosema and Ava Ellis are the top high jumpers. Rosema and Ellis also both run mid-distance events.

"Isabelle is expected to be a top performer in the conference and region during her sophomore campaign, capitalizing on her success from her freshman year season as well as her accomplishments on the cross country course and indoor track," Josh Sliter said. "Lila and Ava look to compete at a high level in the high jump after success during their junior year."

Josh Sliter will rely on that trio and the other core members of the team to provide leadership and points throughout the season.

"We expect our core group of returners to lead the way and excel in their individual events while pulling together as a team to inspire the newcomers and middle school runners," he said.

HAMILTON

Coach: Travis Pertner

Top returning athletes: Bella Tamminga, sr. (pole vault, sprints); Hailey Brinks, sr. (throws); Jenna Dozeman, jr. (mid-distance, long jump); Izzy Friedreichsen, jr. (sprints, high jump); Hannah Glupker, sr. (sprints, high jump); Sarah Kelley, jr. (throws); Alyssa Pelon, sr. (throws, long jump); Sienna Troke, sr. (mid-distance); Lauren VanOmmen, sr. (throws).

Season Outlook: As a junior last season, Bella Tamminga qualified for the Division 2 State Finals in pole vault.

Longtime Hamilton coach Travis Pertner is expected Tamminga to build on that success this year.

"When I look at our team, I think the field events will be an area of strength for us, especially with Bella leading the way at pole vault," Pertner said.

Senior newcomer Maya Ludema, sophomore newcomer Madelyn Balder and freshman Addyson Beidler add depth at pole vault.

That group will try to help the Hawkeyes improve on their results from last season, when they went 0-7 in the OK Blue and placed sixth at regionals.

"Our field events overall are very decent," Pertner said. "We will be challenged this year in some of the running events, especially the hurdles."

In terms of the conference outlook, Hamilton is now in the OK Black following realignment. Pertner views Zeeland East as the team to beat.

"Our dual meets with all team are very challenging and our finish (in the league) will likely be towards the bottom of a seven-team league," he said. "This is the most talented girls track league I have seen in 32 years of coaching track and field."

HOPKINS

Coach: Phillip Moerdyke

Top returning athletes: Sophie Baker, soph. (hurdles, long jump); Ellarie Baugh, jr. (sprints, long jump); Keilah Bonga, soph. (throws); Andrea Brower, soph. (hurdles, relays); Lillian Dewey, soph. (distance, mid-distance); Myah Duimstra, sr. (distance, mid-distance); Olivya Ezell, sr. (throws); Riley Homrich, sr. (sprints); Navaya Ingle, sr. (sprints); Kaylee Katje, soph. (distance); Kambria Moored, sr. (hurdles, sprints); Grace Schumacher, jr. (distance, mid-distance); Leah Schumacher, sr. (throws); Ava VanderVeen (sprints); Elliot VanderVeen, soph. (sprints).

Allegan's Jayden VandenAkker earned All-State in both the 100 and 300 hurdles last season. (File photo)

Season Outlook: The last two years have been good one for Hopkins, as the Vikings placed third in the OK Silver in 2023 before winning the league title last year.

Hopkins coach Phillip Moerdyke believes his team has the ability to keep that run of success going this season.

"We are hoping to continue the success we have established the last two years," he said. "We expect to run strong in the OK Silver and have aspirations for a top finish in the conference. Our team is the perfect mix of experience and talent, and as we develop this crew, big things are in store for them."

The return of a pair of All-State performers should help the Vikings' cause.

Senior Kambria Moored was sixth in the 100-meter hurdles, while junior Riley Homrich was eighth in the 100-meter dash. Moored also competed in two other events at the State Finals, with Homrich competing in a total of four events.

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Boys Track Preview

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

ALLEGAN

Coach: Mike Chalupa

Top returning athletes: Sylar Bush, sr. (pole vault, sprints); Jacob Cranmer, sr. (sprints); Colby Bishop, soph. (sprints/jumps); Oliver Burnett, soph. (distance); Kellen Chalupa, soph. (distance); Hunter McKee, soph. (distance); Cooper Prentice, soph. (distance); Ezra Smith, soph. (pole vault, sprints)

Season Outlook: There's a song called "Ac-Cent-Tchu-Ate the Positive" that appeared in the 1944 movie "Here Come the Waves" and features the following lyrics: "You've got to ac-cent-tchu-ate the positive—E-lim-i-nate the negative."

That's exactly what Allegan coach Mike Chalupa is doing as it pertains to his team heading into the 2025 season.

Because while the Tigers have low participation numbers this year, Chalupa believes Allegan still has the opportunity to put together a solid showing this season.

"We're looking for depth and competitive performances where our strengths lie," Chalupa said. "Small numbers hinder us, but we have some standout performers in multiple individual events. We are looking to build on those strengths and have success individually, in relays and as a team.

An area of strength for Allegan should be the distance events, led by the likes of sophomores Kellen Chalupa, Oliver Burnett, Cooper Prentice and Hunter McKee.

"We're looking to see where some of our newcomers fit in and hoping to build on our depth in the distance events," Mike Chalupa said.

Allegan finished 2-3 in the SAC duals last season and placed 16th at the league meet.

"We are looking to fight hard, maximize points where we should be scoring and stay competitive within the conference overall standings," Mike Chalupa said.

FENNVILLE

Coach: Josh Sliter

Top returning athletes: Quinn Rosema, sr. (long jump, sprints); Erick Morales, sr. (throws); Trinity Solis, jr. (sprints); Jorge Espino, jr. (sprints); Carter Thompson, jr. (mid-distance, sprints); Ashton Holcom, jr. (sprints, throws); Atticus Boeve, soph. (mid-distance, distance); Calvin Giles, soph. (throws); Jaciel Ruiz, jr. (mid-distance, distance); Isreal Arrendondo, soph. (throws); Hugo Sanchez, jr. (mid-distance).

Season Outlook: As he heads into his first season as head coach for Fennville, Josh Sliter like what he sees.

"We have a strong team in most areas and look to compete well in the conference," he said. "Our throwers are working hard every day and have also shown a willingness to jump onto the track as part of a sprint relay.

"Open races at all distances will have a lot of positives and while our jumps crew is small, they are getting better each day."

Senior Quinn Rosema will lead the charge in the long jump and sprints, while juniors Carter Thompson and Hugo Sanchez are poised for strong seasons in the 400.

"Our sprint relay teams are also going to contend this season," Sliter said. "And Atticus Boeve and Jaciel Ruiz are already making gains in the 800, 1,600, and 3,200 and look to have success this season.

"Overall, I expect this to be a positive season of growth and success with an excited freshman group and strong leadership at all events," Sliter said. "As the new head of the program I am working with our coaches to set goals and elevate the expectations of Fennville track and field."

The primary goal, according to Sliter, is to help each and every member of the team reach their full potential.

"This should be a fun season full of new personal records and positive competition as our student-athletes work toward their team and personal goals," Sliter said.

Abatu Dykstra is one of several seniors back for Hamilton this season. (File photo)

HAMILTON

Coach: Matthew Field

Top returning athletes: Abatu Dykstra, sr. (distance, mid-distance); AJ Friedriechsen, sr. (hurdles); Brett Schrotenboer, sr. (sprints); Jeren Bronkhorst, sr. (sprints); Lincoln Phillips, sr. (hurdles, jumps), Logan Eding, sr. (throws); Noah Hernandez, sr. (distance, mid-distance); Hudsen Hulst, jr. (hurdles).

Season Outlook: With the retirement of longtime coach Kevin Spotts, assistant coach Matthew Field as taken on the head-coaching duties in Hamilton.

The distance events should be an area of strength for Allegan this season. (Photo provided)

He inherits a team that won the OK Blue championship, placed second at regionals and was third at the MITCA Team State meet.

And with a senior-laden team that includes the likes senior distance runners Abatu Dykstra, Noah Hernandez and Ben Dykstra, Field sees no reason why this season won't also be a success.

And while winning a title in the new OK Black and performing well at regionals would both be nice, Field as the main focus for the Hawkeyes is the MITCA Team State Meet.

"We're excited to compete in the OK Black, and to compete at some competitive weekend invitationals," Field said. "But our team is senior heavy and we're most looking forward to Team State.

"We've been third place Team State the past two years, and we'd like to try and be somewhere in the top half again this season."

In addition to the strong distance crew, another area of strength is the hurdles with Hudsen Hulst, Lincoln Phillips and AJ Friedriechsen leading the way.

"We also have a continuously improving throws crew led by Logan Eding," Field said.

In the OK Black, Field expects the Zeelands—East and West—to be the teams to beat.

"We'll be very competitive in the new OK Black," he said. "We'll see how we stack up against Zeeland East and West.

I'd expect we'll place somewhere in the top three, but every team in the OK Black is good and will challenge us."

HOPKINS

Coach: Jamie Kiss

Top returning athletes: Isaac Aalderink, soph. (throws); Alex Chavez, sr. (sprints); Vijay DeZeeuw, jr. (high jump); Jack Estelle, jr. (distance); Matt Guzman, soph. (sprints); Brayden Harnish, jr. (sprints); Jacob Helder, sr. (mid-distance); Kenyon Katje, sr. (distance); Clayton Kerber, jr. (hurdles); Ezra Koperski, soph. (throws); Gage Martin, soph. (sprints); Joshua Maule, sr. (throws); Isaiah Robinson, soph. (mid-distance); Gavin Schans, soph. (distance); Bryce Stevens, soph. (distance); Isaiah Tuinstra, jr. (hurdles); Cole VerStrate, jr. (distance); Brennan Vilella, jr. (mid-distance); Parker Warners, soph. (jumps); Zac Wierenga, sr. (jumps); Ryan Williams, sr. (mid-distance).

Season Outlook: Last year, Hopkins placed second in the final OK Silver standings.

And with several key performers back this year coupled with a group of promising newcomers, longtime Hopkins coach Jamie Kiss believes his team had the potential to be near the top of the standings once again.

"We are a pretty young team, but I see real growth potential with this group," Kiss said. "We finished runner-up in the OK-Silver last year, and this year we are expecting to be contending for the title."

As he looks at his roster, Kiss believes the Vikings will be able to competently cover each event.

"A strength of our team is that we have some talent potential in each event this year, which is why I think we could compete well in the conference," he said. "I see a possible scenario where we could score in each event, so I like that our talents are spread out."

When it comes to the other teams who could vie for the top of the league standings, Kiss expects newcomer Fruitport along with Belding, Calvin Christian and North-Pointe Christian to be in the conversation.

"I think it could come down to a battle between ourselves and Belding at the end of the day," Kiss said.

MARTIN

Coaches: Damon and Caryn Blackburn

Top returning athletes: Kyle Fennema, soph. (sprints); Nick Jager, sr. (hurdles, throws, relays); Gavin Meyers, sr. (hurdles, relays); Alex Morin, sr. (distance, mid-distance).

Season Outlook: As a junior last season, Gavin Meyers missed out on qualifying for the Division 4 State Finals in the 300-meter hurdles by a fraction of a second.

He doesn't want to let that happen again.

"Gavin is hungry to prove himself this year," said Caryn Blackburn, who coaches the team alongside husband Damon Blackburn.

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Meyers joins fellow seniors Nick Jager (hurdles, discus, relays) and Alex Morin (distance, mid-distance) as the top returning athletes on a team that definitely skews young.

"More than a third of the team are freshmen," Caryn Blackburn said. "It's a big jump from middle school to the varsity level, so there will be challenges adjusting and stepping up for those athletes. And nearly another quarter of the team is upperclassmen who have never run track before.

"They all have a lot to learn."

Newcomers who could make an impact include sophomore jumper/hurdler Blake Sweeting and junior thrower Peyton Schuring-Harris.

"Our goal is to help athletes realize individual successes throughout the season through growth and performance," Caryn Blackburn said.

Otsego's Caleb Wesseldyk (left) and Plainwell's Henry Cox battle in a race last season. (File photo)

OTSEGO

Coach: Steve Long

Top returning athletes: Caleb Wesseldyk, sr. (distance); Kenny Sheffer, jr. (distance); Holten Mulherin, sr. (distance); Logan VanHouten, sr. (distance); Aidan Goodwin, sr. (distance); Gunnar Djerf, soph. (distance); Vonte Boyce, sr. (sprints); Jack Cook (sprints); Zeke Andrina (sprints); Dylan Towne (sprints, jumps); Michael Spitzner (sprints); Kyle Pomeroy (sprints); Alex Robbins (throws); Mike Misner (throws); Max VandenBerg (throws); Carson Brooks (jumps); Cole Kortokrax (jumps).

Steve Long is no stranger when it comes to coaching at Otsego.

The head coach of the school's cross country program for the past 26 years, Long has led the Bulldogs to four state championships.

Now for the first time since 2001, Long is back as head coach of the boys track team, taking over for the retired Julie Tollas.

"I think the biggest goal for this season is establishing a new culture for the program," said Long, who also had two top-10 finishes at the State Finals during a four-year stint with the girls track team more than a decade ago. "The focus is to work really hard and have a lot of fun.

"I'm a big believer in the concept of when we focus on working hard and having fun, the natural byproduct is success."

Distance has long been a strength for the Bulldogs, and that should again be the case with returning seniors Caleb Wesseldyk, Holten Mulherin, Aidan Goodwin and Logan VanHouten along with returning junior Kenny Sheffer and returning sophomore Gunnar Djerf. Senior newcomer Matthew Long, a transfer from Portage Central and Coach Long's son, adds to that depth.

"When the goal is to create a culture that we can be proud of, there are no weaknesses," Coach Long said. "I've only been with this group (for a short time), and I'm really excited about having a bunch of great young men on this team. I'm really looking forward to a great year."

The Bulldogs placed sixth at the Wolverine Conference meet last season. Steve Long is hoping for a finish in the top half of the standings this year.

"Hopefully, we keep everybody healthy," he said.

PLAINWELL

Coach: Scott Evans

Top returning athletes: Carter Monette, sr. (sprints); Ronald Nunez, jr. (sprints); Trent Hansen, jr. (sprints); Donovan Ryan, jr. (distance); Hiro Hguyen, jr. (mid-distance), Henry Cox, sr. (distance); Will Allen, sr. (hurdles), Sawyer Lilly, jr. (throws); Blake Morehouse, sr. (throws); Adin Young, sr. (throws); Loehn Luckett, jr. (pole vault).

Season Outlook: After losing several key point-scorers from last year's team, Plainwell coach Scott Evans knows he'll need some younger athletes to step up and help fill the gap.

Fortunately, he thinks he has a group that can do just that.

"The freshman class looks great," he said. "I think that they will make an impact this season from the first meet. I look for many of them to be point scorers this season."

In addition to helping the younger athletes on the team develop, a top focus for Evans will be getting the team as healthy as possible.

"We also have a couple of injuries that we are currently dealing with," he said. "I'm a little concerned with the distance and jumps right now. We have some guys that are coming off of injuries, so we are going to take our time getting them back on the track.

"With that said, I think that we will be most meets and should finish in the top half of the conference. I think as the season progresses, we will be improving a great deal and at the end of the season things will be much better."

Evans looks for throws, sprints and relays to be strong.

"Numbers will also help, as we should have around 60 on the team this season," Evans said.

Evans, who led Plainwell to a second-place finish in the Wolverine Conference last year, expects Three Rivers and Sturgis to be among the league's top contenders.

WAYLAND

Coach: Marty Howard

Top returning athletes: seniors—Landon Dunahoo (sprints), Adam Huff (throws), Maurgan Howard (mid-distance), Zach Keena (Mid-distance), Carter Marquard (high jump), Dylan Pallett (distance), Malachi Rodriguez (hurdles), Breslin VandenBos (mid-distance); juniors—Jacob Crater (sprints), Ashton Kuhlmann (throws), Carson Lown (pole vault), Henry Maass (sprints); sophomores—Mason Fein (distance), Gavin Howard (high jump), Alex Hubbard (hurdles), Alberto Mandujano (distance), Jake Reeder (sprints), Justin Springs (long jump), Xander Stepek (mid-distance).

Season Outlook: The expectations are high for this year's Wayland team.

"We are very excited about this group of athletes and have high hope and expectations for them," longtime Wayland coach Marty Howard said.

Among those goals are to win the OK Gold championship, earn an invitation to the MITCA Team State Meet for the fourth straight year and finish in the top three at regionals.

"We also want to get a handful of individuals to compete at the MHSAA State Finals," Howard said.

Returning state discuss champion Adam Huff leads the charge for what Howard expects to be a strong group of field-event competitors.

"Our field events should be really solid," Howard said. "We also have a solid group of mid and distance runners. We need to find some depth at the hurdles races as well as pole vault."

With realignment in the OK conferences, Grand Rapids Northview, Wyoming, West Catholic and Grand Rapids Union are all new to the league.

"We are in a reshuffled OK Gold Conference, so it's hard to predict where we will be until we see what these new additions do," Howard said. "But I do believe we will be in the mix to win a conference title."

***NOTE**: No preview information was received from Saugatuck prior to deadline.*

Hamilton softball sweeps

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

HAMILTON—It was a sweep for the Hamilton softball team in its doubleheader against Middleville on Thursday, March 27.

The Hawkeyes won game one 8-3 before taking game two 14-5.

Kianna Vork (10 strikeouts with one walk and seven hits in seven innings) earned the win in the opener, while Kelsey Mersman (seven strikeouts with one walk and 11 hits in seven innings) won game two.

Vork also went 7-for-9 with a double for the day.

"We got two good performances from Kianna Vork and Kelsey Mersman in the circle against an improved Middleville team," Hamilton coach Mark Behnke said. "Kianna was powerful at the plate and the bottom half of our batting order showed glimpses of what they can do and will become.

"This team is connected and learning every single day."

Maleena Luckadoo (5-for-8 with two doubles) and Kendall Cornell (4-for-7 with a double and a triple) also had big days at the plate. Audrey Mast went 4-for-4 in the nightcap, with Taylor Oosterink going 3-for-5 with two triples.

Martin baseball wins

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MARTIN—Junior Haylen Buell was already in mid-season form during the Martin baseball team's season-opening game with Tri-Unity Christian on Thursday, March 27.

On the mound, Buell struck out 14 and limited Tri-Unity to three hits in five innings. At the plate, he collected three hits, including a pair of doubles.

That was enough to help the Clippers collect the 10-0 win.

"Haylen was in total control on the mound, hitting his spots all evening," Martin coach Brad Blauvelt said. "Offensively, we did a good job of getting on base and being aggressive once we got there.

"We had some quality at-bats. It was a good win for the program and a great way to start the season."

Martin scored once in the first inning before adding seven runs in the third inning. A double-run double by Blake Sweeting, a two-run single by Cody Wooten and an RBI single from Buell were the big hits of the inning.

Martin drew six walks as a team and stole 10 bases.

Hawkeye baseball rallies for victory

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

HAMILTON—After suffering a pair of losses to Spring Lake the previous day, the Hamilton baseball team hosted Spring Lake for a single game on Friday, March 28.

And it appeared as though the Hawkeyes would drop a third-straight game to the Lakers, as Hamilton fell behind 7-0.

But appearances can be deceiving, as Hamilton rallied to claim the 10-9 win in walk-off fashion.

The game was tied at 9-9 in the bottom of the seventh when Landon VanderSwaag doubled to score Keegan Springer with the winning run.

VanderZwaag finished 3-for-5, while Clay Blauwkamp was 3-for-4 with three RBI. Breslin Nykamp and Brett VanderKooi each collected two hits and had multiple RBI.

Owen Brown started the game on the mound and after a rough first two innings pitched three consecutive scoreless frames. Mark Brower and James Hoffman combined to pitch the last two innings, with Hoffman credited with the win.

On Wednesday, March 26, Hamilton beat Saugatuck 6-1 and 3-0 in a doubleheader.

Carter Basinski struck out 12 and allowed just one hit in the opening game, while Dakota Breuker struck out five and allowed a hit in game two.

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"We also have most of our state-qualifying 4x100 relay team returning, along with state-qualifying thrower Keilah Bonga," Moerdyke said. "Navaya Ingle will also be back to assist our long sprints and we look forward to some excellent performances by our long jumper Ellarie Baugh."

It's a group of athletes Moerdyke believes will once again be able to challenge for the top spot in the OK Silver.

"With the talent we currently have, we are shooting to be top tree in the conference," he said. "Belding is always in the mix in terms of the top teams, and Fruitport brings a strong group of distance runners. We will put up strong showings against them, and if the cards fall right, we hope to win another OK Silver Championship."

MARTIN

Coaches: Damon and Caryn Blackburn

Top returning athletes: Veyda Conley, soph. (distance, mid-distance); Kayden Jager, soph. (mid-distance, distance); Sarah Schipper, soph. (sprints, mid-distance); Torryn Harris, jr. (sprints, mid-distance); Ellyse Blackburn, sr. (sprints); Emily King, sr. (sprints, mid-distance).

Season Outlook: Last season, Martin sent three relay teams to the Division 4 State Finals, with then-freshman Veyda Conley also qualifying individually in the 1,600 and 3,200.

With all of those athletes returning, Martin co-coach Caryn Blackburn is optimistic that this will be a successful season for the Clippers.

"Ultimately, we want to have a strong showing at regionals when it really counts and send several athletes to the State Finals," Blackburn said.

In addition to her two induvial events, Conely was part of the 4x800 relay team that competed at state along with senior Emily King, junior Torryn Harris and sophomore Sarah Schipper. King, Harris and Schipper were also part of the state-qualifying 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams, with senior Ellyse Blackburn rounding out the 4x100 and 4x400 teams.

Ellyse Blackburn also just missed out on qualifying for the State Finals in the high jump.

"Our overall participation numbers are strong this year," Caryn Blackburn said. "We have a lot of capable athletes on the roster, so we won't leave many events unfilled."

When it comes to the SAC, Caryn Blackburn believes the Clippers can be competitive with some of the larger schools in the league.

"With so many large schools in the SAC, it is an upward battle for us as a team," she said. "But we plan to start strong and build up. It is always our goal to finish toward the top of the conference."

OTSEGO

Coach: Justin Scott

Top returning athletes: Jazmyn Adams, soph. (sprints, jumps, relays); Isabella Bailey, sr. (throws); Abigail Christman, soph. (sprints, relays); Madden Fitzpatrick, soph. (throws); Emma Hoffman, jr. (distance); Olivia Klimp, soph. (hurdles, jumps, relays); Taylor Klimp, sr. (distance, vault); Jordan McKague, soph. (sprints, relays); Skylar Mejeur, soph. (distance); Taylor Mitchell, sr. (distance); Rebekah Stachura, jr. (distance).

Season Outlook: Junior Emma Hoffman enters the season as one of the top distance runners in the state, earning All-American status for indoor track after placing second at the Division 2 State Finals in cross country.

Hoffman heads up a distance crew that should once again be the primary area of strength for Otsego.

"This season we will be very strong in the distance races both in terms of depth and in terms of scoring potential," Otsego coach Justin Scott said. "Emma has two very successful track seasons behind her, and I feel she is standing on the precipice of an absolutely monster junior campaign. She will lead the way for our distance group but will most certainly not be going it alone."

Other members of that distance group include seniors Taylor Mitchell and Taylor Klimp, junior Rebekah Stachura and sophomore Skylar Mejeur.

"All of those girls contributed a good deal to our success a year ago and should play important roles for us again," Scott said. "(Sophomore) Madeline Goodwin also really came on strong towards the end of the season last year. If she can carry that moment over, she will be able to contribute a lot to the success of our team."

A challenge for Otsego will finding a way to replace the points lost due to graduation.

"We graduated a lot of our personality and leadership at the end of last season," Scott said. "We are young overall, and there are a lot of new people to our program. We need to figure out a little bit about who we are and what we want to be moving forward.

"I think this year our goals will largely center on figuring out what it means to be competitive and to focus our efforts and attention on getting better every day. I think wins are possible, but they will come as a result of the process of focusing on the little things needed to make ourselves better across 17 events."

Last year snapped a string of seven straight Wolverine Conference titles for Otsego (not counting the 2020 COVID season), as the Bulldogs finished second to Sturgis.

Scott expects Sturgis to be the team to beat this year as well.

"This year in the Wolverine Conference, I don't see there being a lot of drama and suspense when it comes to crowning the champion," he said. "But I do think there will be a lot of fun to be had when it comes to figuring places two through eight.

"There are a lot of strong athletes returning across the board, and every one of the schools in our league features phenomenal coaching. I can see the battle for second place being a last event on the last day type of struggle.

NOTE: *No preview information was received from Plainwell, Saugatuck or Wayland prior to deadline.*

Otsego junior Emma Hoffman is one of the state's top distance runners. (File photo)

Martin's Veyda Conley competed in three events at the D4 State Finals last season. (File photo)

Allegan tennis hosts rainy tourney

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Allegan girls tennis coach Damien Arthur was looking forward to a full day of tennis when his team hosted the eight-team Allegan Invitational on Saturday, March 29.

The weather had other ideas.

"We were off to a great start until about 11 a.m., and that's when the rain came," Arthur said.

Following a three-hour delay, play resumed … until the rain came back an hour later.

The tournament then moved inside the Allegan field house so every player could compete one match before the event was declared over.

"Not the way we wanted the event to go, but that's Michigan weather in March," Arthur said. "We had some great teams in from all across the state."

Those teams were South Christian, NorthPointe Christian, West Catholic, Black River, North Muskegon, Portland and Wixom St. Catherine.

Earning wins for Allegan were: No. 1 singles Addy Fales (6-1, 6-1 over North Muskegon); No. 2 singles Judith Ducurau (6-4, 6-3 over Black River); No. 1 doubles Taylor Fuller/Hanna Kievit (6-1, 6-0 over Portland); and No. 3 doubles Sophia Augustine/Emma Scheffler (6-2, 6-0 over Portland).

Two days earlier, Allegan traveled to Holland to take on Black River in a dual meet and won 7-1.

The Tigers swept the singles flights, with No. 1 Fales, No. 2 Ducurau, No. 3 Kendall Halstead and No. 4 Jazmin Fodor all winning.

In doubles, the Tigers got wins from No. 2 Madison Cook/Kaylee Haas, No. 3 Augustine/Scheffler and No. 4 Lilli Kelley/Shy Thompson.

Girls soccer results

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Fennville 1 Delton 3

Fennville traveled to Delton on Monday, March 31, a came up on the short end of a 3-1 decision.

Nadia Perez accounted for the Blackhawks' goal, with Christina Mendoza credited with the assist.

Plainwell 3 Hudsonville 2

Alayna Eldred put on quite a performance in Plainwell's non-conference clash with host Hudsonville on Thursday, March 27.

Eldred scored all three of the Trojans' goals to lead her team to the 3-2 victory.

The win evened Plainwell's record at 1-1.

Saugatuck 7 Bangor 0

Following a tough loss to Hamilton earlier in the week, the Saugatuck girls soccer team was hoping to get back on the winning track against visiting Bangor on Thursday, March 27.

Mission accomplished.

Neave Rewa and Mariela Garcia each scored two goals to lead the Trailblazers to the 7-0 victory over the Vikings.

Kennedy Gustafson added a goal and an assist, while Lily Hass and Ava Tringali had one goal each. Alina Martinson chipped in with three assists.

Julia Lowry was in goal for Saugatuck and turned away all three shots she faced to earn the shutout.

Otsego 5 Hackett 0

The winning ways continued for Otsego in its non-conference contest with visiting Hackett on Wednesday, March 26.

Leading 1-0 at halftime, the Bulldogs erupted for four second-half goals to claim the 5-0 win.

"Something was a bit off in the first half and we looked flat," Otsego coach Levi Butcher said. "The energy just wasn't right. Not in terms of effort level, but the desire to be first to the ball and really take the game to Hackett.

"After halftime, that all changed. We were still misfiring in the final third a bit, but the competitive level had raised."

Peyton Dennany led the second-half surge, scoring twice to go with an assist. Reagen Engbers and Olivia Witteveen also scored goals, with Lexi Gross, Haylee Dennany and Kara Moore chipping in with an assist.

"We got some attacking contributions from some of our role players, a few of our regular scorers were finding other ways to contribute and three of our girls got on the score sheet for the first time this year," Butcher said.

Moore scored the first-half goal off an assist from Peyton Johnson.

Fennville 6 Lawton 3

Nadia Perez had a multi-goal effort for Fennville in the Blackhawks' contest with Lawton on Wednesday, March 26.

That, however, wasn't enough to lift Fennville to the win, as Lawton earned the 6-3 decision.

Andy Blake picked up the other goal for the Blackhawks, with Andy Blake assisting on all three goals.

Hamilton 1 Middleville 3

Sometimes the final score doesn't tell the whole story of a game.

That was the case in Hamilton's game with Middleville on Wednesday, March 26, according to Hawkeyes coach Colton Johnson.

"We controlled the run of play for large portions, hitting the post three times in the contest," Johnson said. "We were down 2-0 at halftime and made some tactical adjustments and once again continued to control the game with possession and chances but couldn't find the net."

Ella Achterhof scored Hamilton's goal off an assist from Emma Slotman to make the score 3-1 with 12 minutes remaining.

"It was a well-played contest for us, as we put more shots on frame and dominated possession," Johnson said. "The ball just wouldn't roll our way."

Hamilton 7 Saugatuck 1

A quick start by Hamilton helped propel the Hawkeyes to the 7-1 win over host Saugatuck on Monday, March 24.

Hamilton led 3-0 after 15 minutes of play and were up 4-0 at halftime.

"We controlled the flow of the game from start to finish, limiting (Saugatuck) to a couple shots on frame," Hamilton coach Colton Johnson said.

For the Hawkeyes, Ella Achterhof and Joselyn Paskvan each scored three times, with Paskvan also collecting an assist. Grace Sexton had the other Hamilton goal.

Alina Martinson accounted for Saugatuck's goal.

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Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

We have four seasons here in west Michigan: Winter roads, road repair, road kill, and pot holes. Now that the worst of winter is behind us, and before the orange cones are in place, we are in the Season of Potholes. Your thoughts about this year's crop….

-Man at a gas station on M-89; "I don't think there are as many of this year as in the past, but trust me, they'll never got extinct."

-Man with him, "Yeah, but hey, at least they're good for knocking the snow and ice from under the car."

-Man near the Allegan Public Library: "We got a lot of them for sure, but I don't know if it is much different from other years."

-Woman, near A-tech: "Thank goodness I don't have to wear [high] heals to work like Mother did. Some of the streets are really bad,"

-Friend with her: "I agree. They're in rough shape, and you have to watch where you are going all the time."

-Man near the Huntington Bank: "A friend over towards Pullman had to get new tires because the old ones were in bad shape, and one of them blew when he hit a pothole."

-Couple near Minnie's: "We were talking about that just a few minutes ago. I told 'em that what we ought to do was round up the migrants and make them work off at least part of what they cost us to ship 'em back home. You know, so much an hour. Below minimum wage. As long as they're here, instead of free loading, they ought to pay for their crimes." Woman: "Well, no one liked it, and said it would be cruel and unusual punishment. I don't like your idea, either." Man: "Well, when we get home I'm going to write it out and send it to Trump." She rolled her eyebrows.

-Man near the Allegan Post Office: 'I see them putting down a lot of that cold pack asphalt, but I don't think it does much good. It's okay for a little while, but it doesn't last. But you get yourself a crack in any cement, and it'll keep growing. It's the water that gets in there and freezes."

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Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

April 3, 1950

Stores to close for Holy Rite: Allegan stores and business offices will be closed from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. Friday so that all may take part in traditional Good Friday church services.

Three-hour union services will be held in the Methodist church of the Blessed Sacrament and the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd will also hold rites. All services will start at 12 noon.

Taking part in the union services with prayers and sermons will be Reverends Aldred Halstead, Lawrence Dawson, Richard Ford, Ivan Yerden, Robert Reynhout, Abraham DeYoung and Stuart Werner.

April 3, 1975

Dogs join the Otsego police: The Savage is loose in the City of Otsego.

A big, friendly mis-named German Shepard, Savage is one of two new canine members of the Otsego Police Department—one dog specially trained to sniff out marijuana and hash, and the other to attack on command and track with his nose.

Savage is the narc, and Satan, a back-faced shorter dog, the tracker/attacker.

"Savage is trained to sniff out hash, hash oil and marijuana," said Chief Elton (Jay) Goswick. "We'll use him in raids and for periodic school checks, any time we need his talents.

"To him, detecting and finding marijuana is a game. He'll tear down a wall if he has to to find what he's looking for, but he won't attack a person with stuff on them.

"Oh, he might rip out a pocket or snatch a purse in his search, but to him it's a play thing.

Satan, however, is a dog of another color.

"Satan won't attack, either, expect on command," Goswick said. "And if he's called off, he's friendly as can be again."

April 6, 2000

State office helps woman get pension: Myrna Coryell, 64, knew she qualified for a pension earned by her husband before his death. As she approached retirement age, Coryell began a telephone search in an effort to identify the payer, a search that led her into a maze of companies and offices.

She got nowhere. Records of her husband's employment at Rockwell International might as well have disappeared into thin air.

"I went on for a whole year," Coryell said. "They took me around from one phone number to another."

Enter the Michigan Pension Rights Project. MPRP investigator Catherine Paler-Amaya said her organization's legal status translated into more clout than a private citizen could wield.

"(Coryell) kept getting referred to the next person and the next person and the next person," Paler-Amaya said.

But MPRP cut a swath through the maze and located the responsible payer of the Coryell pension.

Coryell's husband Jerome served as a lathe operator at the Rockwell plant in Allegan from 1963 until his death in 1984 at age 52. Coryell collected a small survivor income benefit from Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. from the date of this death. She worked full time for Meijer, Inc., until recently, when she cut down to part time at retirement.

April 2, 2020

MHSAA honors former Otsego A.D. Garvey: Mike Garvey has spent nearly four decades in the field of education, with the vast majority of those years as a coach or athletic director. During that time, he's tried to help others reach their full potential.

"As a coach and an athletic director, my goal was to help others—from kids to coaches to communities—win awards," said Garvey, who served a four-year stint as Otsego athletic director from 2006 to 2010. "I wanted them to be recognized."

Now, it's Garvey who's being recognized.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association named Garvey the 2020 recipient of their Charles E. Forsythe Award.

The annual award is in its 43rd year and named after former MHSAA executive director Charles E. Forsythe, the Association's first full-time and longest-serving chief executive. Forsythe Award recipients are selected each year by the MHSAA Representative Council, based on an individual's outstanding contributions to the interscholastic athletics community.

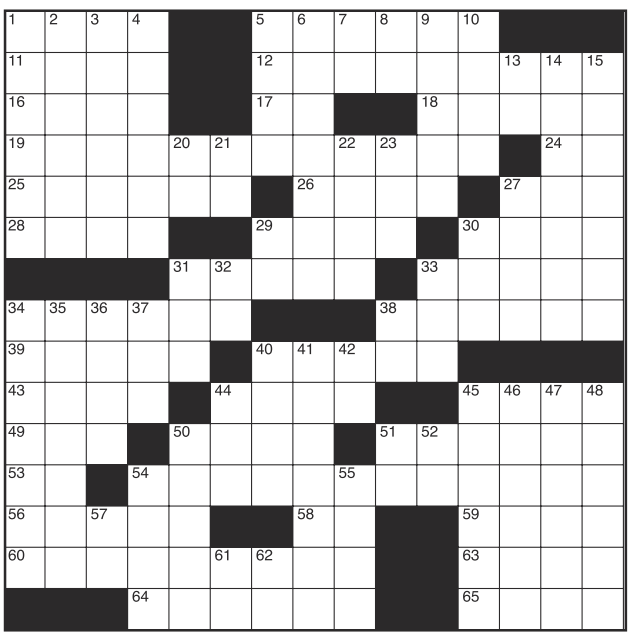
Garvey is the second Forsythe recipient in the last three years with ties to Allegan County, as longtime Allegan tennis coach and athletic director Gary Ellis was honored in 2018.

"It's hard to describe what winning this award means to me," Garvey said. "I'm flattered. I'm humbled. I'm excited and proud.

"I know most of the people at the MHSAA and receiving an award from that group of individuals is an incredible feeling."

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS
1. Narrow piece of wood
5. African desert
11. Waxy covering on birds' beaks
12. Sour
16. Infrequent
17. Former AL MVP Vaughn
18. Policemen wear one
19. Out of the question
24. Used to chop
25. Symptoms
26. Not moving
27. Folk singer DiFranco
28. Comedian Armisen
29. Quantitative fact
30. Incline from vertical
31. Scottish musician
33. Rooney and Kate are two
34. Positioned
38. A very short time
39. Tropical American shrubs
40. Yemen capital
43. Spanish municipality
44. Medical professionals
45. Fibrous material
49. Confined condition (abbr.)
50. Without covering
51. 'Mad Men' honcho Don
53. Hockey position
54. Taste property
56. Fertile spots in a desert
58. They precede C
59. 'Requiem for a Dream' actor Jared
60. Try a criminal case
63. Liberal rights organization
64. Spoke
65. Insect repellent

CLUES DOWN
1. Unshaven facial hair
2. More thin
3. Show up
4. Seethed
5. Ancient Greek city
6. Poisonous plant
7. Hello
8. College sports official
9. Monetary unit of Russia
10. Wings
13. Take too much of a substance
14. A citizen of Uganda
15. Most appealing
20. Atomic #18
21. Global investment bank (abbr.)
22. Jewish calendar month
23. Popular sandwich
27. Swiss river
29. Incorrect letters
30. Popular entree
31. Foot (Latin)
32. A driver's license is one form
33. Extinct flightless bird
34. Appetizer
35. After battles
36. It neutralizes alkalis
37. Beverage container
38. Partner to 'Pa'
40. Gray American rail
41. Salt of acetic acid
42. Canadian province
44. Dish made with lentils
45. Narrative poem of popular origin
46. For each one
47. Come to terms
48. Test
50. More dishonorable
51. Unit of loudness
52. The Ocean State
54. Monetary unit in Mexico
55. Lying down
57. Thus
61. Where LA is located
62. Western State

■ see **Solution**, Page B7

Deaths

Jan. 27, 2025
SHERRI LYNN INMAN-THIAS, 61, Lee Twp.

Feb. 1, 2025
LINDA MAYNARD, 76, Holland

March 10, 2025
CARL SMITH III, 65, Casco Twp.

March 11, 2025
GLORIA BETH VANVELS, 74, Overisel Twp.

March 12, 2025
MARY ANN FERRIS, 91, Trowbridge Twp.
RICHARD RAYMOND RAETZ JR, 72, Allegan

March 13, 2025
JOAN CORAL RIKSEN, 85, Monterey Twp.

March 15, 2025
CLARK ARNOLD IMUS, 80, Otsego Twp.

March 14, 2025
PHILIP JAMES SAVICKAS, 62, Wayland Twp.
KENNETH DALE BERENS, 77, Manlius Twp.

March 15, 2025
MARIE ELLEN KENT, 69, Allegan Twp.
CHRISTINA FRANCES FOX, 57, Otsego

March 17, 2025
CAROLYN MAE WASSENAAR, 98, Holland
CASEY LYNN BEUKEMA, 34, Clyde Twp.

March 18, 2025
LUCINDA ANN LICKLEY, 68, Allegan Twp.
HARRIET JANE VEELE, 94, Holland

March 19, 2025
LOIS ANN HEIDEMA-BUCEL, 83, Laketown Twp.

March 20, 2025
LINDA MARIE RUSSELL, 65, Plainwell

March 21, 2025
JAMES P MASTALERZ, 84, Manlius Twp.

March 22, 2025
NORMA GAYLE VANLOO, 88, holland

March 23, 2025
MARTHA JANE JEFFREYS, 88, Saugatuck twp.

March 24, 2025
CHARLENE GRACE KELLEY, 64, Martin Twp.

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between March 18 and March 26:

JAMISSON LEE MEDINA CASTILLO, Hamilton, and **ALIVIA KATHLEEN AYERS**, Plainwell

BRIAN KEITH LUCAS, Pullman, and **TERESA ANN UNDERWOOD**, Pullman

ALEXIS MARIE RITSEMA, Allegan, and **RILEY RALPH LEON SCHAUB**, Allegan

MARIA CLARA HURTADO BECERRA, Allegan, and **RICARDO LULE**, Grand Junction

DANIEL LEWIS POWERS, Allegan, and **CRYSTAL LYNN GEER**, Kalamazoo

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CLYDE TOWNSHIP

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clyde Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and regular meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clyde Township Hall, 1679 56th Street, Fennville, Michigan.

Please take further notice that the matters to be considered at the public hearing include the following:

Ben Peck has petitioned for a special land use for sand mining to remove sand to construct a 4.8acre pond at V/L 124th Ave 0304-002-003-00. (between 49th and 51st, south side of the road, extends from 124th ave to 123rd ave)
Any other business that may come before the commission

Written documents may be submitted to the Zoning Administrator at 111 Grand Street, Allegan 49010, mtsallegan@frontier.com up to the date of the hearing and may also be submitted at the hearing.

Anyone interested in reviewing the application may examine a copy at Michigan Township Services 111 Grand Street Allegan MI 49010, call 1-800-626-5964, email mtsallegan@frontier.com during normal business hours.

Necessary and reasonable aids for disabled persons will made available with sufficient notice to the clerk.

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Tasha Smalley
Zoning Administrator
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NOTICE

OFFICE OF THE ALLEGAN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER
PINE HILLS NORTH DRAIN
NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

DATE: Tuesday, April 15, 2025
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: County Services Building
Allegan County Drain Office
3283 122nd Avenue
Allegan, MI 49010
QUESTIONS: (269) 673-0440

The Allegan County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Apportionments on the above date, time, and location. The Day of Review is an opportunity to review the tentative apportionment of benefits for each parcel and municipality within the Pine Hills North Drain Drainage District with the Drain Commissioner or staff member.

The following is a list of any county, township, city, or village to be assessed: Allegan County and Dorr Township.

At the Day of Review:
• No appointment is necessary.
• The Drain Commissioner, engineers and/or other staff members will be available to assist individuals and make revisions where necessary.
• The computation of costs for the Drain will be available.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Drain Commissioner's Office at the number noted above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Notice of Letting
The below additional information can be found on the Notice of Bid Letting on the Drain Commissioner's website at: https://www.allegancounty.org/departments/drain-office/drain-maintenance:

• A description of the lands constituting the drainage district;
• Number and length of sections, the average width of each section, and if the drain will be closed, the amount and specifications of all tile or pipe required;
• Location, number, type, and size of culverts or bridges to be installed, if any; and
• Conditions upon which the contract will be awarded.

Comments
Comments on the apportionment of benefits may be submitted in writing or verbally at the Day of Review. Comments may also be submitted in writing before the Day of Review to:

MAIL: Allegan County Drain Commissioner
3283 122nd Avenue
Allegan, MI 49010
EMAIL: cmachiela@allegancounty.org

Comments submitted in advance must be received by the Drain Commissioner prior to the Day of Review to ensure consideration.

Assessments & Appeals
Drain assessments are collected in the same manner as property taxes and will appear on your winter tax bill. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges. If you would like to prepay in order to avoid interest, please contact the Drain Office on or after April 25, 2025, to coordinate prepayment.

You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's determination of apportionments to the Allegan County Probate Court within ten (10) days.

Chris Machiela
Allegan County Drain Commissioner

Public Notices

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on APRIL 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darcy Lloyd, an unmarried woman and Jackie Lloyd, an unmarried man, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated April 1, 2010 and recorded April 13, 2010 in Liber 3410, Page 229 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, National Association, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four and 12/100 Dollars ($75,984.12).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on APRIL 17, 2025.

Said premises are located in the Township of GANGES, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 2 North, Range 16 West, Ganges Township, Allegan County, Michigan, being described as: Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of said Section, thence North 01 degree 18 minutes 46 seconds West 327.48 feet along the East line of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 53 seconds West 529.64 feet; thence South 01 degree 24 minutes 14 seconds East 326.85 feet; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 42 seconds East 529.14 feet along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section to the Point of Beginning.

2110 66th St, Fennville, Michigan 49408

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: March 13, 2025
File No. 25-002042
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(03-13)(04-03)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Frank E. Blink II and Crystal Dawn Blink, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

Date of Mortgage: October 22, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 1, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $141,780.55

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Clyde, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 20, Town 2 North, Range 15 West, thence South 198 feet to the place of beginning, thence West 330 feet thence South 132 feet, thence East 330 feet, thence North 132 feet to the place of beginning.

Also commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 20, Town 2 North, Range 15 West, thence West 140 feet to the place of beginning, thence South 198 feet, thence West 190 feet, thence North 198 feet, thence East 190 feet to the place of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 5616 118th Ave, Fennville, MI 49408-9556

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: March 13, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1555272
(03-13)(04-03)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Lisa M. Annunziata, a single woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-10

Date of Mortgage: June 11, 2007

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 19, 2007

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $123,500.89

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Dorr, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: The North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 except railroad property, also except commencing 1327.76 feet South of the Northeast corner; thence South 75 feet; thence North 88 degrees 41 minutes 14 seconds West 234.01 feet; thence North 76.35 feet; thence East 233.26 feet to the point of beginning, also except commencing 1402.93 feet South of the Northeast corner of Section; thence South 66 feet; thence North 88 degrees 42 minutes 52 seconds West 234 feet; thence South 109 feet; thence North 88 degrees 42 minutes 52 seconds West 475 feet; thence North 44 degrees 06 minutes 38 seconds West 35.91 feet; thence North 225 feet; thence South 88 degrees 42 minutes 52 seconds East 500 feet; thence South 75.11 feet; thence South 88 degrees 52 minutes 52 seconds East 234.01 feet to the point of beginning, Section 21, Town 4 North, Range 12 West, Allegan County, Michigan.

Common street address (if any): 4142 18th St, Dorr, MI 49323-8008

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Zachary Kragness, a single man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Date of Mortgage: July 3, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 11, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $180,322.44

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Fennville, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 20, Landsburg's Plat, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 26, Allegan County Records

Common street address (if any): 5667 Landsburg Rd, Fennville, MI 49408-9479

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: March 13, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1555341
(03-13)(04-03)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY PROBATE
MOTION AND VERIFICATION
FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE
CASE NO. 25-70103-CZ
Court address 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no. (269) 673-0300
Plaintiff name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).
Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Inc.
c/o Joel Baar (P56796)
3140 Red Mill Ave. SW, Grandville, MI 49418
(616) 965-2221
v
Defendant name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).
The Estate of Naomi Virginia Powlin and
The Estate of Joan Sherry Podjan
In the matter of

1. Service of process upon The Estate of Naomi Virginia Powlin and The Estate of Joan Sherry Podjanas cannot reasonably be madeotherwise provided in MCR 2.105, as shown in the following verification of process server.

3. | request the court order service by alternate means.

I declare that the statements above are true to the best of my 7 knowledge, and belief.

2-28-2025
Joel Baar P56796
3140 Red Mill Ave SW
Grandville, MI 49418
VERIFICATION OF PROCESS SERVER

1. | have tried to serve process on this defendant as described: State date, place, and what occurred on each occasion.

The Defendants have been deceased for several years and no estates have been opened. In Case No. 24-68900-CA, Judge Antkoviak stated he would allow service by publication if/when a new lawsuit were to be filed.

I declare that the statements above are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY PROBATE
SUMMONS
Hon. Matthew Antkoviak P-59449
CASE NO. 25-70103-CZ
Court address 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no. (269) 673-0300
Plaintiff name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).
Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Inc.
c/o Joel Baar (P56796)
3140 Red Mill Ave. SW, Grandville, MI 49418
(616) 965-2221
Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.
Joel Baar (P56796)
Hannah M. Recknagel (P85758)
3140 Red Mill Ave. SW
Grandville, MI 49418
616-965-2221
v
Defendant name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).
The Estate of Naomi Virginia Powlin and
The Estate of Joan Sherry Podjan
Civil Case

A civil action between these parties or other parties arising out of the transaction or occurrence alleged in the complaint has been previously filed in this court where it was given case number 24-68900-Cz and assigned to Judge Matthew Antkoviak.

The action is no longer pending.

SUMMONS|

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notified:

1. You are being sued.

2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons and a copy of the complaint to file a written answer with the court and serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action with the court (28 days if you were served by mail or you were served outside of Michigan).

3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. -

4. If you require accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign Language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contract the court immediately to make arraingments.

Issue date: 02/13/25 Expiration date: 05/13/25

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY PROBATE
ORDER REGARDING
ALTERNATE SERVICE
CASE NO. 25-70103-CZ
Court address 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no. (269) 673-0300
Plaintiff name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).
Sandy Pines wildemess Trails, Inc.
c/o Plaintiff's Attorney
Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.
Joel Baar (P56796)
Hannah M. Recknagel (P85758)
3140 Red Mill Ave. SW
Grandville, MI 49418
616-965-2221
v
Defendant name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).
The Estate of Naomi Virginia Powlin and
The Estate of Joan Sherry Podjan
THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon the defendant, The Estate of Naomi Virginia Powlin and The Estate of Joan Sherry Podjan cannot reasonably be made as provided in ~~ MCR 2.105 MCR 2.107(B)(1)(b) and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint ~~and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s).

d. Other: Publication in the Herald Palladium (the local newspaper of both decedents) per MCR 2.106

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Todd A. Smith, a married man and Miranda M. Smith, his wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Citibank, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-RPL3

Date of Mortgage: September 13, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 15, 2006

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $92,201.68

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Plainwell, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 122 and 123, Corporation Plat, being in Section 29, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, according to the Plat thereof recorded in liber 1 of Plats, Page 12 in the office of the Register of Deeds for Allegan County Records

Common street address (if any): 204 N Sherwood Ave, Plainwell, MI 49080-1429

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: March 20, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1556177
(03-20)(04-10)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Juan Marquez, a married man

Original Mortgagee: Lake Michigan Credit Union

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: November 14, 2018

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 20, 2018

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $20,847.76

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Clyde, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing 40 rods North of the Southwest corner of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 2 North, Range 15 West; thence North 12 Rods; thence East 40 rods; thence South 12 rods; thence West 40 rods to the place of beginning.

Common street address (if any): NHN 55 th St, Fennville, MI 49408

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Date of notice: March 20, 2025
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(03-20)(04-10)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at that place where Circuit Court is held in Allegan County, Michigan, starting promptly at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, May 1, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Commercial Mortgage ("Mortgage") to secure an indebtedness in the original amount of $398,750.00, from RVRCTY Ventures, LLC, the Mortgagor, to Velocity Commercial Capital, LLC dba New Day Commercial Capital, Mortgagee, dated October 22, 2024, recorded on November 4, 2024, 2024, at Liber 4987, Page 541, of the Records of the Allergan County Register of Deeds, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due the amount of $406,240.98, plus regular interest accruing on the principal balance of $398,414.15 at the rate of 10.25% per annum, plus default interest at the rate of 5.0% per annum, plus loan fees that continue to accrue thereafter, plus late charges, corporate advances, and escrow advances that continue to accrue thereafter, plus any applicable contractual prepayment penalty, plus legal fees and costs. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof. Said premises are commonly known as 1139 146th Ave., Wayland, MI 49348, situated in Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as follows: THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF LEIGHTON TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, STATE OF MICHIGAN AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 6, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, LEIGHTON TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST 1 013.66 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST 170.00 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST 386.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST 170.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST 386.50 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. APN: 13-006-024-50 Notice is further given that the length of the redemption shall be six months from the date of sale. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. If the mortgaged premises is sold at a foreclosure sale under MCL Chapter 600, under section 3278, the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the mortgaged premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale for damaging the mortgaged premises during the redemption period. This Instrument Prepared By: Zachary D. Prendergast, Esq. Robbins Kelly Patterson & Tucker 312 Elm Street, Suite 2200 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 Phone: (513) 721-3330 Fax: (513) 721-5001 E-Mail: zprendergast@rkpt.com
(03-20)(04-10)

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kayla Picolet and Kayla Picolet to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Austin Capital Bank SSB dated June 14, 2019 and recorded June 20, 2019 in Liber 4354, Page 624, Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by MidFirst Bank by assignment. In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief entered for Plaintiff, MidFirst Bank against Defendant(s), Kayla Picolet in Case No. 24-68997-CH of Allegan County Circuit Court, the below premises shall be foreclosed and sold by public auction. Said Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief was entered on the 10th day of February, 2025, wherein there is claimed to be due on said date the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Twenty Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents ($136,020.26), which includes interest from at a rate of 6.75% plus sums advanced for taxes, insurance and other fees incurred and allowed by said mortgage. Under the Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief and related statutes, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgage premises pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief and that the sale shall be at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, on the 15th day of May, 2025 at 9:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Valley, County of Allegan and State of Michigan, described as follows: Lot 28 in Alpha Manor, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 39, Allegan County Records. Commonly Known As: 1751 Tom Nolan Rd, Allegan, MI, 49010 Tax ID: 22-100-028-00 This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale. Dated: March 17, 2025 Orlans Law Group PLLC /s/Sogol I. Plagany Attorney Name Attorneys for Plaintiff File No. 24-005784
(03-20)(04-24)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Laurie A. Maxam, an unmarried woman, whose address is 356 Washinton Street, Otsego, Michigan 49078, as original Mortgagors, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERIFIRST FINANCIAL CORPORATION, being a mortgage dated August 31, 2021, and recorded on September 10, 2021 in Liber 4669 Page 478, Allegan County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated October 2, 2023 and recorded on October 3, 2023 in Liber 4892 Page 57, Allegan County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED ELEVEN AND 89/100 DOLLARS ($110,911.89). Said premises are situated in the City of Ostego, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: LOT 89, RAVEN'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF OTSEGO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 61, ALLEGAN COUNTY RECORDS. Street Address: 356 Washinton Street, Otsego, Michigan 49078 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: March 20, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 25 6364
(03-20)(04-10)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. on May 1, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Theresa Marie Smith aka Theresa M. Smith, a single person. Original Mortgagee: 21st Mortgage Corporation. Date of Mortgage: March 18, 2022. Date of Mortgage Recording: April 20, 2022 in Liber 4752, Page 424, Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said Mortgage encompasses all improvements, including a 1997 Four Seasons 16x80 manufactured home bearing serial number FH102293. Amount claimed due on date of notice: fifty-three thousand one hundred sixty-four and 06/100 Dollars ($53,164.06), including interest. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Lee, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, to wit: Parcel "B" Description: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 1 North, Range 15 West, Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 23 minutes 58 seconds East 1309.34 feet along the East line of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 47 seconds West 220.04 feet along the South line of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 47 seconds West 220.02 feet along said South line; thence North 00 degrees 26 minutes 11 seconds West 654.85 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 24 seconds East 220.23 feet along the North line of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 05 seconds East 654.76 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to and together with a 66 foot wide easement for ingress, egress, and utilities over part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 1 North, Range 15 West, Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan, the centerline of which is described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 23 minutes 58 seconds East 865.36 feet along the East line of said Section to the Point of Beginning of said centerline; thence North 83 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds West 2668.37 feet to the Point of Ending of said centerline, Common street address: 5016 Fox Run, Grand Junction, Michigan 49056. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. This sale may be rescinded or set aside by the foreclosing mortgagee. In such event, damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return or refund of the bid amount tendered at such sale, together with interest. Dated: March 21, 2025 21st Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee By: Richard A. Green Law Offices of Richard A. Green 30150 Telegraph Road, Ste. 444 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 (248) 924-2354
(03-27)(04-17)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, on May 1, 2025. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Kurt McKenzie to National City Bank dated October 3, 2003 and recorded November 13, 2003 in Liber 2590 at Page 132, Allegan County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by PNC Bank, National Association by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $65,120.94. Said premises are located in Allegan County, Michigan and are described as: Situated in the County of Allegan, Township of Gun Plain, State of Michigan, to-wit: Beginning at a point 420 feet North of the Southeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, thence North 125 feet, thence West at right angles 150 feet, thence South at right angles 125 feet, thence East to the place of beginning. Permanent Parcel Number: 03-08-023-009-00 Said property is commonly known as 552 4th Street, Plainwell, MI 49080. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: March 20, 2025 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 19-21554
(03-27)(04-17)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): David Flores, married man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: February 22, 2016

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 26, 2016

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $125,531.40

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Unit No. 10 Meadowview Estates Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2747 on Page 804 and amendments thereto (if any), and designated as Allegan County Condominium Subdivision Plan No.211, together with rights in common elements as set forth in above Master Deed and as described in act 229 of public acts of 1963 and act 59 of public acts of 1978, and amendments thereto.

Common street address (if any): 1895

Public Notices

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A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Lebelle Russ f/k/a Lebelle Fitzpatrick, a married woman and James Russ, her husband Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: November 3, 2020 Recorded on November 10, 2020, Liber 4536, on Page 99, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-One and 30/100 Dollars ($110,981.30) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: BEGINNING AT THE EAST QUARTER POST OF SECTION 2, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST ON THE EAST AND WEST QUARTER LINE, 285.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL TO THE EAST SECTION LINE, 210.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST, 285.00 FEET TO THE EAST SECTION LINE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST ON SAME, 210.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 1106 26th St, Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)

whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: TINLEE KAY RODGERS has filed a petition for name change.

A name change hearing will be held on MAY 13, 2025 AT 10:15 AM at FAMILY COURT COURTHOUSE before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater, to change the name of: TINLEE KAY RODGERS to TINLEE KAY VANDERKAMP

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 1, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Matthew W Carpenter, single man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services LLC

Date of Mortgage: August 7, 2019

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 4, 2019

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $130,010.60

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Valley, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 2 North, Range 14 West, Valley Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section, thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds West 1315.73 feet along the North line of said Section to the 1/8 post of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds West 259.46 feet along West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 00 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds West 423.94 feet to the centerline of Allegan Dam Road; thence South 70 degrees 29 minutes 19 seconds East 104.77 feet along said centerline, thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds East 456.49 feet; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds West 98.97 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 4040 Allegan Dam Rd, Allegan, MI 49010-8932

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: April 3, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

ALLEGAN COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

CASE NO. 25-65527-DE and JUDGE

Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010

Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of Cody J. Kirk, Deceased Date of Birth:*11/18/1992

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Cody J. Kirk, died 11/07/2024.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Taylor Stewart, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

03/27/2025

Jonathan N. Jilek P65299

8080 Moorsbridge Road, Suite 103

Portage, MI 49024

269-343-1500

Taylor Stewart

8581 Pine Lake Road

Delton, MI 49046

269-993-1158

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

ALLEGAN COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

CASE NO. 25-65528-DE

and JUDGE Hon. Jolene A. Clearwater P74848

Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010

Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of Robert Lloyd Fitts Date of Birth:*July 22, 1958

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert Lloyd Fitts, died December 23, 2023 .

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Gary L. Fitts, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

March 27, 2025

James A. Donkersloot P30433

132 E. Main Avenue, P.O. Box 230

Zeeland, MI 49464

(616) 772-9000

Gary L. Fitts

3680 Allegan Dam Road

Allegan, MI 49010

(269) 355-1625

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 25-65530-DE

Estate of Richard Gordon Major, Jr., Deceased

Date of Birth: 9/13/1957

NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Richard Gordon Major, Jr., died on 2/20/2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to David Major, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 112 Chestnut St. Allegan, MI 49010 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 03/26/2025

Michael J. Becker (P81132)

Orton, Tooman, Hale, McKown & Kiel, P.C.

314 Trowbridge Street, P.O. Box 239

Allegan, MI 49010-0239

(269) 673-2136

David Major, Personal Representative

11341 Tuttle Hill Road

Willis, MI 48191

734-673-6121

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Under the power of sale contained herein in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or a cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 1, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Kendall and Lanora Kendall, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Citifinancial Mortgage Company, Inc., dated October 31, 2005, and recorded November 10, 2015 in Book 2916, Page 404 in Allegan County records, Michigan, and assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on June 11, 2015 in Book 3935, and Page 82 and assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, solely as owner trustee on behalf of Grand Avenue Mortgage Loan Trust 2017-RPL1 by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on January 24, 2018 in Book 4216, Page 320 and assigned to US Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of LB-TIKI Series V Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on January 27, 2023 in Book 4832, Page 466 and assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for LB-Dwelling Series V Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on July 12, 2023 in Book 4870, Page 659, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty- Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Eight and 17/100 dollars ($163,158.17). Said premises are situated in the Township of Overisel, County of Allegan, and State of Michigan, and particularly described as: Situated in the Township of Overisel, County of Allegan, State of Michigan: That part of the West 5/8 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 4 North, Range 14 West, Overisel Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as beginning at the North 1/4 corner of Section 33, thence proceeding on the North line of Section 33 South 87 degrees 49 minutes 01 second East 295.29 feet; thence on a line parallel with the North and South 1/4 line of Section 33 South 00 degrees 12 minutes 29 seconds East 295.29 feet; thence North 87 degrees 49 minutes 01 second West 295.29 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of Section 33; thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 29 seconds West 295.29 feet to the point of beginning. Property Address: 3797 43rd Street Hamilton, MI 49419 Parcel No.: 18-033-003-10 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: April 3, 2025 For more information, please call: (440) 572-1511 Sottile and Barile PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 394 Wards Corner Boulevard, Suite 180 Loveland, OH 45140 File MF2405004 - Kendall, James and Lanora

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by Melissa Young (the "Mortgagor") in favor of Big Brother Bail Bonds Agency, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company with an address of 800 Monroe Ave NW, Suite 212, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (the "Mortgagee") dated August 19, 2024, and recorded on September 19, 2024 at Liber 4974, Page 637 of Allegan County Records (the "Mortgage"). The amount claimed to be due on said Mortgage and unpaid as of the date of this Notice is Five Thousand Five Hundred and 0/100 ($5,500.00). This sum will increase as additional interest, costs, expenses, and attorney fees accrue under the Mortgage and its related note as permitted by Michigan law after the date of this Notice. No legal or equitable proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage and the power of sale in the Mortgage has become operative by reason of default. The Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property herein described, or some part of thereof, at public auction, to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid on the Mortgage, along with interest due, the legal costs and charges of the sale as allowed by statute and/or the Mortgage, and any taxes and insurance that the Mortgagee pays on, or prior to, the date of said sale. Notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises or some part of them at a public venue at the place of holding, Allegan County Courthouse Lobby at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 at 9:00 a.m. on May 15, 2025. The property mentioned and described in the Mortgage is located in the Township of Valley, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, more specifically described as: LOT 155 ASPEN ACRES SEC 21 T2N R14W. Parcel ID: 22-160-155-00 Commonly Known As: 1777 Grant Drive, Allegan, MI 49010 together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures: all easements, rights of way, streets, roads, alleys, and public places, privileges, and appurtenances, public or private, now or later used in connection with the property; and all rights to make divisions of the land that are exempt from the platting requirements of all applicable land division or platting acts, as amended from time to time. Attention Purchasers: the Foreclosing Mortgagee reserves the right to cancel the sale prior to sale or to rescind the sale at any time. In the event of cancellation or rescission, your damages, if any, will be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest. If the mortgaged property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for any damage to the property during the redemption period. The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of the sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale, or as otherwise provided by statute. DATED: March 28, 2025 SHAUN P. WILLIS (P62441) WILLIS LAW ATTORNEYS FOR BIG BROTHER BAIL BONDS AGENCY, LLC 491 W. South Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007 (269) 492-1040

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

JUDICIAL DISTRICT

48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Allegan COUNTY

SUMMONS

Matthew Antkoviak P-59449

Case no 25-70202 cz

Plaintiffs name, address, and telephone number

William Tolsma

2790 144th Avenue

Dorr, Michigan 49323

Plaintiff's attorney bar number, address, and telephone number

Michael J. Becker; Orton Tooman PC P81132

314 Trowbridge St.,

Allegan, MI 49010

269-673-2136

v.

Defendant's name, address, and telephone number

Marilyn Shuiman and the Marilyn Balfoort Trust

2186 Acadia Greens Dr.

Sun City, Florida 33473

Civil Case

A civil action between these parties or other parties arising out of the transaction or occurrence alleged in the complaint has been previously filed in Allegan County District Court, where it was given case number 24-2014-LT and assigned to Judge William Baillargeon. The action is no longer pending.

Summons

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notified:

1. You are being sued.

2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons and a copy of the complaint to file a written answer with the court and serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action with the court (28 days if you were served by mail or you were served outside of Michigan).

3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

4. If you require accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.

Issue date: 03-06-2025

Expiration date: 06-04-2025

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

County Bldg. Allegan, MI 49010

FILE NO.: 25-70202-CZ

HON. MATTHEW W. ANTKOVIAK

WILLIAM TOLSMA,

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

MARILYN SHULMAN and

THE MARILYN BALFOORT TRUST,

DEFENDANTS,

MICHAEL J. BECKER P81132

ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, MCKOWN & KIEL P.C.

Attorney for Plaintiff

314 Trowbridge Street

Allegan, MI 49010

ORDER FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE OF PROCESS

BY PUBLICATION AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

At a session of court held in the courthouse in

Allegan County, Michigan, on March 19, 2025

Present: Honorable Matthew W. Antkoviak, Circuit Court Judge

Plaintiff filed a verified ex parte motion for service of process in the discretion of the court. After reading the motion, the court finds that Plaintiff has shown that service of process cannot reasonably be made on Defendants Marilyn Shulman and The Marilyn Balfoort Trust by the methods provided in MCR 2.105(A). The court further finds, pursuant to MCR 2.105(1), that service of process by delivery by first class mail and publication in Allegan County, Michigan

are the best available methods of service of process reasonably calculated to give Defendants actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED. that Plaintiffs must serve the Defendants by publication for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper located in Allegan County, Michigan. Further, that Plaintiff must mail a copy of this order, along with a summons and complaint, by first-class mail, to Defendants at their last known address.

Matthew Antkoviak P-59449

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE 48TH CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

File No.: 25-70130-CZ

Hon. Matthew Antkoviak

ORCHARD HILLS VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ESTATE AND HEIRS OF HELEN KELLUM (deceased), and UNKNOWN OWNERS,

Defendants.

Patrick A. Dykstra (P64436)

Curtis J. Barense(P83107)

Jesson & Dykstra, PLC.

2010 44th Street SE,

Grand Rapids MI, 49508

law@vandamjesson.com

(616)455-5200

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

" An action seeking an order that Plaintiff is entitled to a new Mobile Home Title from the Michigan Secretary of State, to a certain 1990 Champion Identification Number: 541166C533AB located at 3 E. Apple Ln., Fennville, MI 49408, has been commenced by Plaintiff Orchard Hills Village Mobile Home Park, LLC against the Estate and Heirs of Helen Kellum, and Unknown Owners in the Allegan County Circuit Court for the State of Michigan. Defendants must answer or take other action permitted by law within 28 days after the last date of publication, If Defendants do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered for the relief demanded in the complaint."

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TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)

whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: Logan James McDowell has filed a petition for name change.

A name change hearing will be held on April 29, 2025 at 9:45am at FAMILY COURT COURTHOUSE before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848, to change the name of: Logan James McDowell to Ashlynne Rae McDowell

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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS REVOCABLE TRUST

In the Matter of: The Tagg Family Revocable Trust dated April 27, 1999

TAKE NOTICE: The Tagg Family Revocable Trust, ("The Trust") was established on April 27, 1999. The Settlor, Jean E. Tagg lived at 3583 Monroe Road, Allegan, MI 49010. Jean E. Tagg was born on April 15, 1927 and died on February 19, 2025.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Creditors of the Settlor, Jean E. Tagg, and/or "The Trust" are notified that all claims against The Tagg Family Revocable Trust will be forever barred unless presented to: Steven L. Tagg, Successor Trustee, of 9523 Conservation Drive, New Port Richey, FL 34655, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: March 5, 2025

David F. Kiel (P43048)

ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.

314 Trowbridge St., P.O. Box 239

Allegan, MI 49010

(269) 673-2136

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, on May 1, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Eugene S Allen and Kim K Allen, Husband and Wife Original Mortgagee: Option One Mortgage Corporation Foreclosing Assignee: Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series OOMC 2005-HE6 , Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series OOMC 2005-HE6 Date of Mortgage: May 5, 2005 Date of Mortgage Recording: May 16, 2005 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: $72,385.53 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Cheshire, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 15 Acres of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 1 North, Range 14 West, Cheshire Township, Allegan County, Michigan. Commonly Known as: 391 45th St., Grand Junction, MI 49056 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 04/03/2025 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 320528

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on June 05, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): TERRY L CRISMAN JR.. MARRIED MAN. Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: July 14, 2021 Recorded on July 22, 2021, in Document No. 2021018254, Liber 4648, on Page 839, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Three and 60/100 Dollars ($175,283.60) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Beginning on the Section line 990 feet East of the Southwest corner of Section 30, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, Gunplain Township, Allegan County, Michigan, and running thence West 22.5 feet; thence with bearings referred to said Section line as East and West, North 0 degrees 17 minutes East 531.7 feet as place of beginning, thence West 241 feet; thence North 180 feet; thence East 241 feet; thence South 180 feet to the place of beginning. Together with ingress and egress thereto over the present right of way situated along the East boundary line of said premises, being approximately 22-1/2 feet wide East and West. Commonly known as 1161 102nd Ave, Plainwell, MI 49080 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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RELIGION SECTION

Some four decades ago. I served a five church parish in northern Alberta, Canada that was about the size of Rhode Island. I did the five services every Sunday, but the last one was 92 miles away from home. It was not such a bad drive during the summer when sunset was around midnight, but in the winter, it was brutal and dangerous. By late December, sunset was at two o'clock in the afternoon, and the winter temperatures often dropped to minus 30. Add in the wind, and the temperature felt like 80 below zero.

I would set out for home, knowing that if I had car trouble and a breakdown, it was not likely I would survive. If the wind was blowing snow across the open prairie, they might find what was left of me in the spring. When I think of it now, I wonder 'what was I thinking?' The answer was I probably did not have my brain fully in gear.

The one saving grace on those night was that I would see the barn lights, often a mile or two apart. I would see one ahead, drive past it, and see another one beyond that. I kept telling myself that if I did have car trouble I could walk to the closet farm, either ahead or behind me.

Thinking about it a few years ago, I realized the similarity between farm lights and our relationship with Jesus, especially in difficult times. We move forward by trusting and having faith that Jesus is always with us; always watching over us and protecting us.

There is something else I realized. Yes, Jesus was present and protecting me, but he often uses other people to do some of the work. Whether there had been lights every couple of miles or not; Jesus would still have been watching over me. The farmers who installed and maintained the lights did their part and had a role in this, too.

Far more than we realize, we rely upon others in challenging times. In turn, others rely upon us to be there for them. We are all invited to be part of the Kingdom, or as it is sometimes called, The Realm of Humanity. To give deeply of ourselves is a blessing to others, and an example to those around us.

Do you remember the old Red Green Show? He always concluded with, "I'm pulling for you; we're all in this together." In God's scheme of things, that is so very true.

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Directory of Area Churches

Allegan Assembly of God
424 DeLano St, Allegan
Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
Church: 673-6577

Allegan Bible Church
412 S. Sherman, Allegan
Pastor Jon Gruss
Church: 673-6831

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700 Ely St., Allegan
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Allegan County Jail
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Phone: 673-0350

Allegan United Methodist Church
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Pastor Julia Humenik
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Paster Ray Brown

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Fr. Simon Manjooran
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Bloomingdale Bible Church
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616-886-1214

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Pastor Chad Peckham
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269-227-3328
www.cascoumc.org

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Pastor Herb Curry
Phone: 269-370-5834

Christ Community Church
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Pastor Wally Coots

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Fennville, MI 49408
269-561-2683

Fennville United Methodist Church
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Bob Lynch, Pastor
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First Presbyterian Church
200 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church: 673-4631
www.fpcallegan.org
Pastor Sheri Harris
10:30 service time.

First Baptist Church
1290 32nd St., Allegan
Service at 10:00am
Pastors Nathan Smith & Brendon Bayley
www.fbcallegan.com

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247 E Allegan St., Otsego
(269) 694-4160
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First Presbyterian Church of Plainwell
303 East Bridge St.
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104 Baker St., Hopkins, MI
Pastor Chris Cronk and Worship Pastor Tony Caldarona
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Ganges Baptist Church
6577 122nd Avenue, Fennville
269-543-4203
11AM each Sunday

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Hamilton Mi 49419
269.264.4900
Gracechurchofhamilton@gmail.com

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4691 Oak Street, Hamilton
(269)751-7300
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(269) 685-1348
Pastor Nicole Smith
Worship 10:30am; S. School 9:15am

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2142 128th Ave., Hopkins
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Pastor Nathan Strom
Church: 673-4412

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Martin United Methodist Church
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672-7097 - Church office
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Pastor Kelsey French
Church: 793-7323

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11850 9 Mile Rd., Shelbyville
269-664-4345
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Rev. Jeremiah Johnson Sr.
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1764 34th St., Allegan
Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
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6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453
Sunday Worship: 10:00am

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